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William Henry Clare

# History of Will County

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## BIOGRAPHICAL

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**William Henry Clare**, American real estate operator and politician, was born at Joliet, Ill., Sept. 15, 1868, and died there Dec. 14, 1923. He was a son of John Clare, who was born in 1828 and died in 1873, and of Margaret (Flannery) Clare, a daughter of Bartholomew Flannery. This branch of the Clare family was established in America by John Clare, who emigrated from County Tipperary, Ireland, in 1845, settling at Goshen, Orange County, N. Y.

William Henry Clare received his early education at the Eliza Kelly School, at Joliet, Ill., but the greater share of his education was obtained by night study. He was a newsboy at the age of ten, selling newspapers at the corner of Clinton and Chicago Streets, Joliet, and the fact that 40 years later he owned the building occupying that corner is but one of many picturesque features of a life that was brilliantly successful through sheer force of ability, appealing personality, and hard work. At 13 years of age he was engaged as a wire worker at five dollars a week, and 40 years later he occupied the important government post of collector of the port of Chicago under appointment by President Wilson. His record is filled with such spectacular contrasts, but the fact that it was a record built by perseverance and sheer pluck is evidenced by the fact that he started in a real estate office at the age of 15 years and at 21 years had saved the \$2,000 with which he started in the real estate and insurance business for himself.

Mr. Clare was associated in the real estate business with his brother, George J. Clare, and together they engineered some of the most important real estate transactions in Joliet, including the purchase of the

Lincoln Theatre Building, the St. Nicholas Hotel, the property at Jefferson and Scott Streets, and many other valuable tracts in the loop district. He was known as a keen business man and a shrewd judge of real estate values, and he was particularly distinguished by his loyalty to and love for his native city of Joliet. It is said of him that his belief in the future of the city was so strong that he confined his operations exclusively to Will County. He conducted his real estate business from the Will County National Bank Building and in the course of the years he spent as a real estate operator built up a large clientele. He was likewise interested in the Will County National Bank and was for many years one of the directors.

However, while continuously active in the real estate field Mr. Clare's connection with local and state politics was sufficiently extensive to have occupied the full time of a less able and resourceful man. For a period of 30 years he was one of the leading Democratic politicians of this state, although he seldom sought office for himself. He was, however, city treasurer of Joliet, for one term, and he was in 1915 a candidate for mayor of that city. In that election he obtained the majority of the men's votes, who were outnumbered by the women's vote. This was the first contest under the commission form of city government, which Mr. Clare and the men voters vigorously opposed when previously submitted for adoption by the city of Joliet. The mayoralty election was defeated, and which election in no way reflected upon the personal popularity or general fitness of Mr. Clare for the office. Not long afterwards he was appointed by President Wilson as collector of the port of Chicago, an office he filled for four years with characteristic ability, but of which he said he would have exchanged the entire four years for one week as mayor of Joliet.

Upon the death of Roger Sullivan, the Democratic state leader, Mr. Clare was generally regarded as his logical successor, but when approached by a group of the most influential men in the party and asked to take over the control of the party organization he firmly refused. The position carried with it a degree of power and prestige that would have appealed strongly to most men, but as it entailed his leaving the city of Joliet Mr. Clare found it no temptation. He continued his work with his party in his native city, one of its most active leaders and

wisest councillors, and one whose years of public service honestly earned the affection and respect of his fellow citizens.

Mr. Clare's devotion to his home city was said by his friends to have been bound up in his exceptionally strong family affections. Left without a father at an early age and forced to find work wherever he could in order to assist his mother, he and his brothers and sisters formed the closest of fraternal affections. The loss of his brother, Frank Clare, was a grief that he felt most keenly the remainder of his life. He was survived by two brothers, John Clare and George J. Clare, and two sisters, Mrs. Katherine Clare Lowery, and Margaret Clare, all of whom reside in Joliet. He had never married.

Speaking of Mr. Clare's character after his death, Rev. Father Van Pelt said: "He was an honor to the community and to the city of Joliet. He was a selfmade man, a poor boy whose ambition was to succeed in life, and he did it by an honest, upright course. He placed a goal before him and attained it honestly. He was an exponent of the highest kind of charity. Only those who knew him well knew the many, many charitable deeds he performed. He often said to me that if I knew of any needy to send them to him and he would help them, and many of the respected and prosperous men of today are those whom he helped when they were down and out."

A business associate in speaking of him said: "His heart always beat in the interest of humanity. He was unostentatious in his charities, unstinted in his purse, his chief and supreme delight being in aiding, encouraging and helping his friends."

In an informal article, designed as a character sketch rather than as the regulation obituary notice an old friend and newspaper man wrote of him: "\* \* \* He had to fight for everything he got from his kid days up and died a winner. He rose to the top because he possessed the qualities that make men rise above their fellow men in leadership. \* \* \* I never knew a man who had more friends. He loved friends and loved to help them. Their number includes folks from every walk of life; in every strata of social and business life. I never knew him to refuse a favor \* \* \* He was just that way—a kindly, simple soul who got his kick in life out of seeing everyone around him happy and contented while he went on through a simple, frugal routine.

\* \* \* He was my idea of what I would like to see in every American—a decent, honest, God-fearing man who loves life, family, friends and his home city.”

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**Woodruff Family.**—George Woodruff came to Joliet from Watertown, N. Y., in 1836. He was then 24 years old and arrived in Chicago by boat. At that time Chicago amounted to very little and he came on to Joliet, as at that time Chicago came to Joliet for its mail. He engaged in the provision business until 1841, when he decided to operate a farm he had purchased at Plainfield. He spent two years on this farm; his son, Frederick Woodruff being born there.

Returning to Joliet, where he had retained active business interests, he again engaged in business and in 1857, in partnership with Frank L. Cagwin, S. W. Bowen and E. Harwood, started the Joliet Bank.

Seven years after the organization of the Joliet Bank, in 1864, the National Banking Act was passed and the Joliet Bank incorporated under the name of the First National Bank of Joliet. This was one of the first national banks chartered under this Act and the incorporators were George Woodruff, his son, Frederick W. Woodruff, J. E. Bush, William Tonner and J. F. Woodruff.

George Woodruff was elected president and Frederick Woodruff, then 23 years old, was elected cashier.

The old books of the First National Bank, now in its archives, show some transactions that seem peculiar today. One entry shows a charge of \$3.00 against Governor Matteson for a pair of shoes.

While the Woodruff family has been interested in various lines of business, its main business has always been that of banking.

For eighteen years, from 1864 until 1892, George Woodruff was president of the First National Bank, and he was succeeded as president by his son, Frederick W. Woodruff, who held that position from 1882 until 1906, at which time he was succeeded by George Woodruff II, who had just graduated from Yale and was well fitted to carry on the work.

In 1909, Frederick Woodruff II finished his college course at the University of Pennsylvania and became assistant cashier and then vice

president of the Citizens National Bank of Joliet. This institution was merged with the First National Bank of Joliet eighteen months later and became the largest bank in Illinois, outside of Chicago, and Frederick W. Woodruff was elected first vice president of that institution.

In 1922, George Woodruff II became president of the National Bank of the Republic of Chicago, and Frederick W. Woodruff II became president of the First National Bank of Joliet.

The Woodruff boys, as they were called to distinguish them from the older Woodruffs, built the Woodruff Hotel, the new First National Bank Building, the Sippell Garage, the two Woodruff Realty buildings and the Woodruff building at the corner of Jefferson and Chicago streets, and this building activity gave a great deal of impetus to the development of Joliet.

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**John T. Clyne**, the subject of this sketch, was born at Cohoes, N. Y., Dec. 8, 1857.

A further check traces the Clyne family to some Dutch Colonists who emigrated from Holland and settled in a small village in the County of Longford, Ireland, about the middle of the Seventeenth Century.

Thomas Clyne, the grandfather, drifted into the United States, by way of Canada, and settled for a while near Utica, N. Y., where he met and married a Miss McCormick, whose family were farmers and early settlers in that section.

Mr. Clyne's father, James Clyne, was born at Whitesboro, Oneida County, New York, in 1832. As soon as he was old enough he began work at the carpenter trade and landed in Chicago in the year 1853. He returned to New York State the following year and settled at Cohoes, Albany County, N. Y. He married Catherine Quinn, the daughter of Thomas and Mary Quinn, formerly of Union Village, Washington County, State of New York, where his mother was born in the year 1836.

The first seventeen years of Mr. Clyne's life were spent in Cohoes, N. Y. He attended the public schools and worked in a woolen factory and in the Spring of 1875, came to Chicago where he worked for a while in the Palmer and Fuller Sash and Door Factory, at Twenty-second Street

and the River. Being unable to acquire the Bohemian language he quit and started to learn the brick-laying trade. His employer failed in business and Mr. Clyne left Chicago and came to Will County in 1875. He worked on a farm in and about Plainfield for six years and attended the Valparaiso University during the winter months and married Anna L. McClosky in 1880. He taught school the first winter and the following summer engaged in handling horses and took his first lesson in politics. He drifted into commercial business and then back to politics and was postmaster of the City of Joliet for twelve years. In 1914, with E. J. Murphy, he organized the Commercial Trust & Savings Bank of Joliet.

Mr. Clyne has three sons. Meade, a physician, born April 30, 1882, and residing at Tucson. Wade, a dentist, born August 2, 1884, and living in Joliet, and James V., born June 28, 1886. The latter is cashier of the Commercial Trust & Savings Bank of Joliet.

Mr. Clyne is Republican and his lodge affiliations are Masonic.

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**Ervin T. Geist.**—A distinguished figure in financial circles in Will County is Ervin T. Geist, who is president of the Joliet Trust & Savings Bank. He was born at Plainfield, Ill., the son of Hiram S. and Jane (Ross) Geist.

Hiram S. Geist was born in Pennsylvania and his wife was a native of Ohio. He was a farmer throughout his life and spent more than half a century on a farm which was located between Joliet and Plainfield. He died in 1905 and his wife died in 1909. Both are buried at Plainfield. Mr. and Mrs. Geist were the parents of the following children: William S., lives at Rockwell City, Iowa; Mary E., lives at Plainfield, Ill.; Henry N., lives at Adair, Iowa; Charles E., lives at Clear Lake, Iowa; Elza N., lives at Oroville, Calif.; Hattie R., lives at Plainfield, Ill.; and Ervin T., the subject of this sketch.

Ervin T. Geist was educated in the Plainfield district school and attended Joliet High School. He spent his boyhood on his father's farm in Plainfield Township and his first employment was as a reporter for the Republic and Sun newspaper. He later became advertising manager of this newspaper and was also identified with the Joliet Republican

Printing Company. He served as cashier of the Joliet Trust & Savings Bank for ten years and in 1921 was elected president. He is also president of the Joliet Title and Guarantee Company.

On Oct. 9, 1902, Mr. Geist was married at Joliet to Miss Erma Hamilton of Joliet, Ill., the daughter of Thomas and Annie (Chambers) Hamilton, natives of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Geist have no children.

A Republican by political affiliation, Mr. Geist served as a member of the Will County Board of Supervisors from Joliet Township from 1899 to 1900; as Recorder of Deeds of Will County from 1900 to 1908; and as City Treasurer of Joliet in 1920. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, Modern Woodmen of America, Mattison Lodge A. F. and A. M. No. 175, Joliet Chapter, R. A. M., No. 27, Joliet Commandery, K. T. No. 4, Medinah Temple, Chicago Shrine, Eagles Lodge, and Elks Lodge, No. 296. He also belongs to the Joliet Country Club and Chamber of Commerce. His religious affiliation is with the Central Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Geist has given to every step of his progress from his youth to his present outstanding position the tireless endeavor and fearless attitude of the natural business executive, and in his success his ability is definitely demonstrated.

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**Hon. Ralph C. Austin**, county judge of Will County, is a native of Illinois. He was born at Morrison, July 2, 1886. He was the only child born to A. E. and Gertrude V. Austin, who still reside at Morrison.

Ralph C. Austin was graduated from the Morrison High School in 1903; Lombard College in 1907; and Chicago Kent College of Law in 1912. He worked as a reporter on the Joliet News from 1907 until 1912. He has been assistant city attorney, public administrator, assistant States Attorney, and is now serving as judge of the county.

In 1922 Judge Austin was married to Miss Laura M. Merritt. Their home is at 118 Pine Street.

Judge Austin served in the army during the World War from January, 1918, until January, 1919. No foreign service. He is a member of the Masonic and Elks clubs, and Will County Bar Association.

**Walter G. Krohn**, county treasurer of Will County, is a native of Illinois. He was born in Joliet, March 26, 1894, a son of John William and Anna (Preuter) Krohn, natives of Mecklenburg Schwerin, Germany.

The grandfather of Walter G. Krohn came to the United States when his son, John William, was eleven years of age, and settled on a farm near Marley, Ill., where he was engaged in agriculture until his death in 1910. He is buried at Manhattan, Ill.

John William Krohn worked on his father's farm and later worked on the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railroad. He was promoted to engineer and held that position for 33 years. He died July 11, 1917, and is buried in Elmhurst Cemetery, Joliet. He was a Republican, a member of St. John's English Lutheran Church, and Matteson Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 175; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. No. 27; Joliet Commandery, K. T. No. 4; and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Anna (Preuter) Krohn went to Copenhagen with her parents when very young. At the age of ten the family came to the United States and settled at Mokena, Ill. Her parents, Carl J. and Sophia Preuter, died Dec. 1, 1907, and are buried at Mokena. Mrs. Krohn resides in Joliet.

To John William and Anna (Preuter) Krohn ten children were born: Edward, Gary, Ind.; Harry, Toledo, Ohio; Frank, Joliet; Anna B., Joliet; Arthur, deceased; John, a physician and surgeon, a graduate of Hahnemann Medical College, was a first lieutenant with the 90th Division during the World War and saw service in France; Walter G.; the subject of this sketch, and Edna Mae (deceased), were twins; and Margaret, Joliet.

Walter G. Krohn attended the public schools of Joliet and was graduated at the Joliet Township High School in 1914. On leaving school he entered the employ of the Rock Island Lines as an apprentice operator, later becoming operator, where he remained until 1923. In the meantime he had studied embalming at the Worsham College of Embalming at Chicago and was graduated in June, 1920. In 1924 he entered the employ of the government and was deputy collector of internal revenue, working out of the Chicago office. In November, 1926, he was elected county treasurer of Will County.

Mr. Krohn is a member of St. John's English Lutheran Church, and in politics is a Republican. He is a member of Matteson Lodge, A. F. and A. M., No. 175, past master 1922-23; Joliet Chapter R. A. M. No. 27;





WALTER G. KROHN



Joliet Council, R. & S. M. M. No. 82, past master 1925-26; Joliet Commandery, K. T. No. 4; Oriental Consistory, A. S. S. R., 32nd degree, officer in the 29th degree; Medina Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Chicago; Marguerite Chapter, No. 187, O. E. S., past patron, 1924; and vice president of County Treasurer's Association of the State of Illinois.

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**David R. Anderson.**—Possessing a keen interest as well as a very practical experience in the various branches of his profession, Mr. Anderson has established through his own efforts an active association with the interests of the Joliet bar, and has won a well merited prominence in his profession. Formerly engaged in educational work in Grundy County, Illinois, he is held in high esteem for his abilities both as an educator and an attorney. He is a son of William and Mary (Hunter) Anderson, and was born in Monongahela, Washington County, Pa., Oct. 15, 1865.

The Anderson family are of Scotch descent, William Anderson being born in Airdrie, and his wife in Glasgow, Scotland. He was a miner and after his marriage came to the United States about the beginning of 1860 and his family came later in that year. They first settled near Pittsburgh, Pa. At the outbreak of the Civil War, William Anderson with two relatives, Thomas and John Hunter, volunteered for service, the latter two being accepted although none of the three had taken out their citizenship. Anderson was rejected. He engaged in mining in the Pittsburgh district, after removing to Ohio. In 1866 he moved to Braceville, Grundy County, Ill., where he became a mine contractor. This was in one of the first mines opened in the Wilmington coal fields. In 1867 he removed to Braidwood, Will County, Ill., becoming mine boss of the first large mine in that county. In 1878 he purchased a mine at Streator, Ill., which he operated for many years, later becoming superintendent of the Coal Run Coal Company at Streator. Afterward he was associated with the Chicago-Virden Coal Company as superintendent for a number of years until his retirement. Both Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are deceased and are buried at Streator, Ill. There were fourteen children in the Anderson family. 1. Grace, married Charles Duncan. He is deceased and she resides at Streator. 2. Margaret, de-

ceased, buried in Scotland. 3. John, deceased, buried in Streator, died in 1922. 4. William, resides at Goose Lake Township, Grundy County, Ill. 5. Ella, married William Bain. He is deceased and she lives at Kearney, Neb. 6. Andrew H., Streator. 7. David R., the subject of this sketch. 8. Thomas H., Peoria, Ill. Mary, Robert, George and Alexander, all deceased, buried in Braidwood, Ill. 13. George W., deputy county clerk, Joliet, and 14, Mary J., married Edgar Buckles, lives at Ottawa, Ill.

David R. Anderson attended the public schools of Braidwood, Ill., and at the age of eleven years worked in the "Old G" shaft digging coal for two years. He went to Streator with his parents and worked in his father's mine. In April, 1878, while at work in the mines about five tons of coal slipped and through this accident Mr. Anderson lost his right arm and left foot. His brother John, who was also at work in the mine, had his back broken. He lived and engaged in business and at the time of his death was one of the most prominent business men of Streator, Ill.

After David R. Anderson recovered from his injuries he returned to school and was graduated from Streator High School in 1884. He taught school in Streator for one year and was made principal. He was principal of the Coal City schools for two terms. He attended the University of Michigan and was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Law. On March 17, 1890, he was admitted to the Michigan State Bar at Ann Arbor, Mich. In 1890 Mr. Anderson was elected county superintendent of Grundy County schools, and served two terms of four years each. In 1898 he began the practice of his profession at Morris, Grundy County, and continued there until May, 1905, when he removed to Joliet and began practice with offices in the Barber Building.

Mr. Anderson was married in August, 1887, to Miss Elva J. Laymon, a daughter of Thomas and Esther (Caldwell) Laymon. Mr. Laymon was a native of Indiana and his wife was a native of Illinois; both are now deceased. During the Civil War he served with a Chicago Battery.

To Mr. and Mrs. Anderson one son was born, Raymond A., born May 5, 1893. He was a graduate of the University of Chicago where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He was a teacher of English at Iowa State College, Ames, at the beginning of the World War. He

enlisted for service and was in training at Fort Snelling, Minnesota. He was commissioned a second lieutenant, and transferred to Camp Dodge, Iowa, where he was taken ill and discharged. He died in 1918 and is buried at Joliet. His widow, Florence Coolidge Anderson, resides at Indianapolis.

Mr. Anderson is a Republican and in 1924 was defeated for the nomination to congress from the Eleventh Illinois Congressional District. Fraternally he is a member of Paul Revere Lodge, Knights of Pythias, being a past chancellor; Star Lodge, I. O. O. F, past grand, and delegate for ten years to the Grand Lodge. He is a member of the Joliet Chamber of Commerce, Will County Bar Association, and the Illinois State Bar Association.

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**Fred J. Walsh** is one of the vital progressive representatives of the real estate business at Joliet where he is also President of the Chamber of Commerce. He was born at Terre Haute, Ind., July 3, 1882, a son of John and Ann (Joyce) Walsh.

John Walsh, deceased, a native of Ireland, emigrated to the United States when a young man and located at Joliet, later removing to Terre Haute, Ind. For a time he worked as a contractor for various railroads, and later engaged in the grocery business in Terre Haute, in which he was very successful. At the time of his retirement from active business he was the head of a chain of grocery stores. His wife, a native of Terre Haute, is also deceased, and they are both buried in Terre Haute. They were members of the Catholic Church, and politically Mr. Walsh was a Democrat. To Mr. and Mrs. Walsh eight children were born, the two oldest died in infancy: William, deceased; Alice, married Alfred Daudy, lives at Joliet; Mame, lives at Joliet; John, Joliet; Fred J., the subject of this sketch; and Bess, married Benjamin Bruning, lives at Joliet.

Fred J. Walsh attended the public schools of Terre Haute and graduated from the Joliet Township High School in 1901, after which he attended commercial college. His first position was that of messenger and later stenographer with the First National Bank of Terre Haute, where he remained two years. He was with the Terre Haute Trust

Company for two years as assistant secretary, and then resigned to enter the real estate field. He opened his office in Terre Haute and operated also in Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana. After a year in business in Terre Haute he removed his office to Joliet, and promoted the following sub-divisions: Sherwood Plains, Pleasant View, Inglass Park, Hyde Park, West Park, West Wood, Mount Claire, Brankin Terrace, Reeds Woods, Vernon Place, and P. R. Bannon's subdivision Shawnita, and Halderman Terrace, all of Joliet. He also maintains an office in Aurora, Ill., and there he has successfully managed and sold the following subdivisions: Evans Lawn, West Lawn, Country Club, Ogden Gardens, and North Lake Manor. Mr. Walsh is one of the largest real estate operators in this section of the country. His office is at 415 Clinton Street, Joliet.

In 1918 Mr. Walsh was united in marriage with Miss Catherine M. Gray, a daughter of John W. Gray, of Joliet. Mr. Gray was engaged in the grocery trade for many years, and later in the bakery business. He was interested in civic matters and served many years on the city council. To Mr. and Mrs. Walsh five children have been born: John, born October, 1919, student at St. Raymond's School; Joyce, born in 1922, a student; Nora Ann; Patsy; and Robert.

Mr. Walsh holds many offices besides that of president of the Chamber of Commerce. He is also president of the Zoning Commission of Joliet; president of the Real Estate Board; president of Louis Joliet Hotel Association; president Clinton Hotel Company. He is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, Elks Lodge No. 296; Joliet Country Club; Butterfield Country Club; and is a member of St. Raymond's Catholic Church. Politically he is independent.

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**Charles E. Wilson**, president of the Will County National Bank, is a leading financier and highly esteemed citizen of Joliet. He was born in this city and is the son of George and Martha Jane (Eaton) Wilson.

George Wilson, deceased, came to Joliet from New Hampshire, where he was born, and settled in this city in 1850. He died in 1862, and his wife, also a native of New Hampshire, died in 1905. Both are buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Joliet. They were the parents of four

children: John F., auditor, Illinois Steel Company, Chicago; Jennie L., the widow of Henry McGuire, lives in Joliet; Charles E., the subject of this sketch; and Jason L., who died in 1926.

The boyhood of Charles E. Wilson was spent in Joliet and he attended the public schools of this city, as well as the Russell Business College. He began his business career as a clerk in the store of Charles Goodspeed, dry goods merchant, and after a year was employed as a clerk by Munroe & Son, grocers. He later purchased interests in the grocery business with a Mr. Schroeder, under the firm name of Schroeder & Wilson. In 1897 Mr. Wilson became sole owner of the business and after several years became a partner in this enterprise with E. G. Cornish. In 1910 Mr. Wilson disposed of his interests in this business to accept the presidency of the Will County National Bank, in which capacity he has since served.

Mr. Wilson married Miss Alice E. Richards of Joliet, the daughter of George Richards. Mr. Richards, who is deceased, was a native of Herkimer County, N. Y., and among the early settlers of Joliet, where he was employed for many years by the Rock Island Railroad. He is buried in Oakwood Cemetery. Two daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson: Alice Mabel, married Frederick J. Prichard, lives at Memphis, Tenn., and they have two sons, Frederick C., and Howard W.; and Ida L., who died in 1924, buried in Elmhurst Cemetery, Joliet.

Politically Mr. Wilson is a Republican. He is president of the Board of Trustees of the Richards Street Methodist Church and for the past 18 years Mr. Wilson has been treasurer of the Silver Cross Hospital. He is affiliated with Matteson Lodge, A. F. and A. M. No. 175; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. No. 27; Joliet Council, R. S. M., No. 82; Joliet Commandery, K. T. No. 4; and Modern Woodmen of America. He also belongs to the Kiwanis Club.

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**The Will County National Bank** was organized on Aug. 3, 1871, by the following men: Calvin Knowlton, Samuel B. Reed, H. C. Knowlton, Firman Mack, H. N. Higenbotham, George P. Jones, and H. N. Marsh. It was opened for business on September 20, 1871. The charter was renewed in September, 1891, and again in August, 1911. Its first capi-

talization was for \$100,000.00, and on Dec. 19, 1890, this was increased to \$200,000.00. The bank was first housed in a frame building at 223 Jefferson Street. Several years later it was removed to the corner of Ottawa and Jefferson streets, occupying the east half of its present banking room. On May 22, 1907, the bank was enlarged and remodeled at a cost of \$42,800.00. In April, 1887, the deposit vault department was established, four additions having been added since that time, the last addition in Dec. 27, 1920. The first automatic lock was purchased from E. S. Fowler in October, 1887. On Aug. 28, 1912, a savings department was authorized by the board of directors. In 1907 a double fire and burglar proof vault was built, and later two more vaults of the same kind added. The bank joined the Federal Reserve Banking system, and subscribed its full quota and became a member of the Federal Reserve System. On Jan. 6, 1921, the bank building was purchased. July 28, 1921, a Trust department was added. The bank celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1921.

Following are the deposits from 1904: Aug. 22, 1904, \$789,510.77; Aug. 22, 1906, \$1,005,780.52; Aug. 22, 1908, \$1,078,970.31; Aug. 22, 1910, \$1,319,784.25; Aug. 22, 1912, \$1,312,583.72; Aug. 22, 1914, \$1,377,572.73; Aug. 22, 1920, \$2,539,141.29; Sept. 6, 1921, \$2,555,624.17; Feb. 28, 1928, \$3,439,688.32. Its first president was Henry Fish, who served from October, 1871, to January, 1874. C. Knowlton, from January, 1874, to January, 1887; W. S. Brooks, January, 1887, to September, 1892; J. A. Henry, September, 1892, to August, 1908; C. H. Talcott, October, 1908, to April, 1910; and C. E. Wilson, from June, 1910, who is still president.

The vice presidents: C. Knowlton, October, 1871, to January, 1874; H. Higinbotham, January, 1874, to January, 1877; J. A. Henry, January, 1878, to January, 1887; G. J. Monroe, January, 1887, to January, 1897; Joseph Stephen, January, 1897, to April, 1907; C. H. Talcott, May, 1907, to October, 1908; J. W. Folk, October, 1908, to —, and John L. Carlson, —.

Second vice presidents: C. E. Wilson, October, 1871, to June, 1910; Robert Meers, January, 1921, to February, 1921; John L. Carlson, March, 1921; and F. J. Weisharr, —.

Cashiers: C. P. Jones, September, 1871, to August, 1877; H. Knowlton, August, 1877, to May, 1887; C. H. Talcott, May 1887, to May, 1907;



H. J. Weber, May, 1907, to September, 1920; and C. F. Hinrichs, September, 1920, to date.

Directors in 1921: J. P. Stevens, elected June 11, 1910; F. I. Weisharr, elected January 11, 1910; Henry F. Prepenbrink, May 11, 1910; J. Albert Ohlhaber, Aug. 23, 1917; W. H. Clare, May 28, 1921; Dr. F. W. Werner, Jan. 8, 1907.

Present officers in 1928: Charles E. Wilson, president; Frank I. Weisharr, second vice president; Charles F. Hinrichs, cashier; E. E. O'Heron, assistant cashier and trust officer; Ozias W. McGovney, assistant cashier.

Directors in 1928: John L. Carlson, Charles E. Wilson, Frank I. Weisharr, J. Albert Ohlhaber, George J. Clare, Arthur Montzheimer, J. Albert Folk, George F. Hacker, and Clayton S. Farrell.

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**Hjalmar Rehn**, attorney for the State of Illinois, is numbered among the able practitioners of Will county. He is a native of Sweden, born at Hvalstad, June 29, 1886, and the son of Axel and Maria (Munson) Rehn.

Axel Rhen, who resides at Joliet, came to this country from Sweden in 1888. His family followed him the next year and located at Joliet, where Mr. Rehn has been well known for many years as a brick contractor. He is a charter member of the Bricklayers Union of Joliet. Mr. Rehn is a Republican and a member of the Methodist church.

The early education of Hjalmar Rehn was secured in the public schools of Joliet. He spent some time at Galveston, Tex., and in 1906 returned to this city, where he entered the employ of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railroad as a timekeeper. In September, 1908, he entered the Kent College of Law, Chicago, and in 1912 he was graduated from the Law School of Northwestern University. He was admitted to the State Bar of Illinois on Oct. 2, 1912. During the past 16 years (1928) he has been associated in the real estate and loan business with Henry J. Schluntz, with offices in the Young Building, in Joliet. Mr. Rehn was elected to the office of State's Attorney in 1924, taking office December 1st of that year. He was the prosecutor in the case of the six men who were convicted and hanged in Joliet for killing Deputy Warden Klein.

Hjalmar Rehn married June 2, 1914, Miss Fern Laura Smith, daughter of Charles and Susie (Pendegrast) Smith, natives of Rossville, Ill., where Mr. Smith was engaged in agriculture and stock raising for many years. He died in September, 1918, and is buried in Rossville, where his widow now resides. They were the parents of eight children: Thomas, Rossville; Mrs. Rehn; Edwin, Austin, Minnie, live at Rossville; Leo, Rossville; Donovan, Peoria; and George, Joliet.

Mr. Rehn is a Republican and attends the Swedish Methodist Church. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic Order, being a member of Matteson Lodge, No. 175, A. F. and A. M., of which he was past master in 1924-25; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. No. 27; Joliet Council, R. & S. M. M.; Joliet Commandery, K. T. No. 4; Valley of Chicago Consistory, A. A. S. R., thirty-second degree; Medinah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Will County Bar Association.

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Albert E. Markgraf, the present capable and popular sheriff of Will County, Ill., was born at Romeo, Ill., Dec. 4, 1870, a son of Albert and Minnie (Brandis) Markgraf.

Albert Markgraf was born in Berlin, Germany, and his wife was born in Scharmicak, Germany, and were married there, emigrating to the United States in 1869, and settled in Romeo, Ill. He learned the cooperage trade in his native land but after coming to Illinois worked for a time on the old canal, after which he followed farming in Joliet Township. His farm was located on the Wilmington Road. From this place he removed to Joliet, where he purchased four acres of land at Patterson Road and Branden Avenue, where he built a house and carried on farming in a small way. He died in 1919 and his wife died in 1922. Both are buried in Elmhurst Cemetery, Joliet. Mr. Markgraf was a Republican and a member of the German Lutheran Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Markgraf six children were born: Albert E., the subject of this sketch; Minnie, married William Kemner, lives in Joliet; William, deceased; Eda, married Fred Brockmann, resides in Joliet Township; Elizabeth, married Carl Cristman, lives in Ransom County, North Dakota; and Frank, who lives at Granite City, Ill.



ALBERT E. MARKGRAF



Albert E. Markgraf attended the public schools of Romeo and worked on various farms in his community. He was stationary engineer for the Zarley Stone Company, and when this concern was purchased by the National Stone Company he was made superintendent for the company and remained in this capacity for nine years. In 1914 in partnership with a Mr. Greenberg he established a crushed stone business in Joliet Township which was successfully conducted until 1917, when the business was sold to Mitchell & Peterson, of Chicago. For the next three years Mr. Markgraf bought and sold machinery, and on Aug. 1, 1920, he established the Markgraf Stone Company, in partnership with Herman Nussmyer and Frank Nussmyer, and in which he is still interested. On Nov. 2, 1926, Mr. Markgraf was elected sheriff of Will County.

Mr. Markgraf was married in July, 1897, to Miss Emma Wilhelm, a daughter of W. C. and Martha Wilhelm, natives of Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Markgraf three children were born: Helen, married Leo Lamb, chief deputy sheriff, Joliet; Linda Mary, at home; and Albert E., Jr., a student, at home.

Fraternally Mr. Markgraf is affiliated with Lodge No. 296, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Lodge No. 300, Loyal Order of Moose; and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He is a stanch Republican and a member of the English Lutheran Church.

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**Andrew S. Witwer**, president and general manager of the Joliet Manufacturing Company, is a native of Joliet, where he was born Feb. 21, 1894, a son of Clement S. and Mary Elizabeth (Shreffler) Witwer.

Clement S. Witwer was born in Ashland County, Ohio, Feb. 26, 1862, and died April 16, 1919. His father, Rev. George Witwer was born in Earl Township, Lancaster County, Ohio, Aug. 28, 1824, a son of Isaac Witwer. George Witwer engaged in the general merchandise business and served as postmaster at Ashland, Ohio. He was a preacher of the Dunkard faith. In 1863 he settled in La Porte, Ind., where he engaged in farming and ministerial work. In 1867 he went to Missouri as agent for the Studebaker Brothers, where he established an agricultural implement store at Hamilton. In 1881 he returned to South Bend, Ind., where he became affiliated with the Studebaker Brothers factory. He

married Elizabeth Studebaker, who was born in Lancaster, Pa. To them were born nine children: John S., T. W., vice president of the Joliet Manufacturing Company; George M., Clement S., Edward C., J. F., H. E., Mrs. Joseph Kopesay, and Mrs. J. H. Mohler. Rev. George Witwer died in October, 1866.

Clement S. Witwer attended the public schools. He worked as a clerk in a general store at Hamilton, Ohio, and in his spare time herded cattle for Dwight & Booth. At fifteen years of age he was given \$500 by his employers and sent 20 miles on horseback to buy cattle. After this purchase he drove the cattle to the nearest railroad, which was at Kidder, Mo. From 1879 to 1881 he was employed as an assistant to Studebaker Brothers, at South Bend. While there he joined the South Bend Light Guards, which membership he continued when he was a student at DePauw University in 1881-82. He then went on the road as inspector, buyer and traveling salesman for the Studebaker Company. In 1883 he went to Dallas, Texas, where for two years he managed the business of his brother, J. S. Witwer. During 1885 he traveled for the Studebaker Company, and in 1887 identified himself with the Joliet Manufacturing Company, later succeeding to the presidency of the company, which position he held until his death. He married, on Oct. 5, 1887, Miss Mary E. Shreffler, a daughter of Andrew H. Shreffler, a prominent citizen of that section of the country. Mrs. Witwer died in 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Witwer were the parents of two children: Andrew S., the subject of this sketch; and Irene, born July 17, 1890, died Sept. 30, 1891.

Andrew S. Witmer graduated in 1912 from the Joliet High School and attended Culver Military Academy for one year. He received his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Purdue University in 1916, after which he became assistant superintendent of the Joliet Manufacturing Company. Only July 20, 1917, he enlisted in the U. S. Army Ordnance Department and was sent to San Antonio, Tex., and assigned to the training school of the Ordnance Department and was appointed ordnance sergeant. He later was transferred to the 131st Ordnance Depot, Camp Kearney, Calif., and served as first sergeant of the company. He was transferred to Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga., later to Westervleit Arsenal, New York, where he received his appoint-

ment to the F. A. C. O. T. S. at Camp Zachary Taylor, Louisville, Ky., and was commissioned a second lieutenant Field Artillery, and assigned to duty with Battery F, 4th Regiment, Field Artillery Replacement Depot, Camp Taylor. He was discharged Dec. 21, 1918, and returned to Joliet. At the death of his father in April, 1919, he became president and general manager of the Joliet Manufacturing Company.

In 1919 Mr. Witwer was married to Miss Margaret Robinson, a daughter of Cory E. and Nellie (Kinsey) Robinson, natives of Illinois. Mr. Robinson, deceased, was active and well known in the steel industry of this section and was general manager of the American Can Company, of Rockdale, Ill. His widow resides in Joliet. Mr. and Mrs. Witwer have a son, Andrew S., Jr., born Sept. 4, 1920.

Mr. Witwer is a Republican. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the following local clubs: Chamber of Commerce, Joliet Country Club, Y. M. C. A., Morning Star Mission, and Joliet Manufacturers Association. He belongs to Phi Gamma Delta, past officer, and The Scabbard and Blade, honorary military fraternity, American Legion, and Isaac Walton League. He attends the Methodist Church.

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**Harry Wheeler Woodruff, M. D.**—A member of the medical profession distinguished by more than 36 years of service of the highest order in Joliet is Dr. Harry Wheeler Woodruff, a native of this city, and one of the community's leading physicians and surgeons. He was born Feb. 18, 1868, the son of George H. and Achsah (Wheeler) Woodruff.

George H. Woodruff was born at Clinton, N. Y. He was graduated from Hamilton College, Clinton, N. Y., in 1832, and two years later came to Joliet. About 1840 he established the Pioneer Drug Store on Bluff Street and continued in that business for nearly 50 years. He was a writer of local history, being the author of "Fifteen Years Ago, or the Patriotism of Will County," "Forty Years Ago," and "Will County on the Pacific Slope." Mr. Woodruff died at Joliet, Nov. 1, 1890. His wife, who was born at New Marlborough, Mass., April 10, 1824, died July 14, 1911. Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Woodruff: Dr. George F., physician and surgeon, 207 North Broadway, Joliet; and Harry Wheeler, the subject of this sketch.

Harry Wheeler Woodruff acquired his early education in the grammar and high schools of Joliet and Chicago and for several years was interested in pharmacy. He was graduated from the Chicago College of Pharmacy in 1888 and from the Chicago College of Physicians and Surgeons (now the University of Illinois) in 1892. He had one year of additional training and practical experience as interne in the Illinois Eye and Ear Infirmary, and has since engaged in the medical and surgical practice at Joliet, with offices in the Morris Building. He has also been connected with the Illinois Eye and Ear Infirmary as assistant and surgeon for the past 35 years. He is a member and past president of the Will County Medical Society, and is also identified with the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He has been professor of ophthalmology in the Chicago Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat College since its organization 25 years ago. He was president of the Chicago Ophthalmological Society, and first vice president of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Oto-Laryngology. Dr. George H. Woodruff spent one year as Interne in the Illinois Eye and Ear Infirmary and is now assistant surgeon in that hospital.

Dr. Woodruff married June 27, 1895, Miss Lydia Jane Coventry of La Salle County, Ill., the daughter of Robert and Katherine (Lewis) Coventry of New York. Mr. Coventry died June 5, 1927. His widow lives at Sherman Station, Utica, N. Y. Doctor and Mrs. Woodruff have the following children: George Henry, M. D., mention of whom is made below; Robert Coventry, oil business, Joliet; Lewis Wheeler, M. D., resident physician in Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago; Katherine, married Rupert Barnes, lives in Chicago; and Harry Walter, a student at Dartmouth College.

George Henry Woodruff was graduated from Joliet Township High School in 1914 and from Dartmouth College in 1918. He received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the University of Illinois in 1920, and spent the following two years as interne in St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago. He is now associated in practice with his father in Joliet.

Dr. Woodruff is a Republican, a member of the First Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Union League Club of Chicago, Joliet Country Club, Rotary Club, and Chamber of Commerce. He is a director of the First National Bank.



**Oscar Robert Laraway.**—One of Joliet's prominent men is Oscar Robert Laraway, attorney, who has offices in the Will County National Bank Building. He was born in Joliet Township, Will County, June 3, 1886, the son of Oscar Wallace and Margaret (Tait) Laraway, both deceased.

John Shutts and Catherine (Cole) Shutts, maternal great grandparents of Oscar Robert Laraway, came from Columbia County, N. Y., to Joliet in 1855 and lived on a farm southeast of Joliet. His paternal great grandparents, James and Elizabeth (Pocock) Laraway, came from Oneida County, N. Y., to Joliet in 1852, and lived on a farm southeast of Joliet. His ancestors served in the American Revolution, in the War of 1812, and in the Patriot's War.

The early life of Oscar Robert Laraway was spent in Joliet and on a farm in Joliet Township, five miles southeast of Joliet. He obtained his education in Rose Hill country school, Joliet Township High School, and in June, 1911, he received his degree from the College of Law, University of Michigan. He was admitted to the bar in the State of Illinois in October, 1911, and engaged in private practice until 1914. He was then associated in partnership with Judge Benjamin Olin until 1920, at which time Judge Olin died. Since that date Mr. Laraway has practiced alone. He was appointed Referee in Bankruptcy of the United States District Court of the Northern District of Illinois in May, 1918.

On Aug. 15, 1916, Mr. Laraway was united in marriage with Miss Stella Imogene Bigelow, who was born at Nilwood, Macoupin County, Ill., Jan. 18, 1886. She is the daughter of Charles Edward and Caroline (Venible) Bigelow. On her paternal side she traces her lineage back through the royal lines of England and France to 495 A. D., when Cedric the Saxon, First King of the West Saxons landed in England; on her maternal side, through the nobility of France to 1052. She is descended on both sides from a long line of Colonial ancestors who settled in New England and Virginia as early as 1630. Her ancestors held many important offices in Colonial government and served in the American Revolution, King Phillips War, Pequot War, King George's War, and in the Civil War. Such names as Fogg, Venible, Cooledeg, Whittier, Loomis, Page, Reeder, Olmstead, and Day appear in her lineage book.

Her paternal grandparents, John Russell and Lucinda (Fogg) Bigelow, came from Vermont to Waverly, Ill., about 1850; her maternal grandparents, William and Caroline (Enyart) Venible, came from Hanover, Ohio, to Carlville, Ill., in 1865. The early life of Mrs. Laraway was spent at Nilwood, Ill., and in 1889 she removed to Joliet with her parents. She was graduated from Joliet Township High School in 1904, and from the College of Liberal Arts, Northwestern University, in June, 1908. Before her marriage she was an instructor in the English department of the Joliet Township High School. She is identified with the Louis Joliet Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution and also belongs to the Womens Club of Joliet.

Mr. and Mrs. Laraway have a son, Robert Bigelow Laraway, who was born at Joliet, Feb. 6, 1922.

Mr. Laraway is a member of the following organizations: Mt. Joliet Lodge, No. 42, F. & A. M., Joliet Chapter, No. 27, R. A. M., Joliet Commandery, No. 4, K. T.; Medinah Temple; Order of the Mystic Shrine; B. P. O. Elks, No. 296; and Association of Commerce. He is a member of the Will County Bar Association and Illinois State Bar Association.

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**Rugar Young.**—A veteran of the World War, during which he served in the United States Army as second lieutenant, Rugar Young is a representative young business man of Joliet, and a member of one of the prominent families of Will County. He was born at Joliet, Oct. 23, 1891, the son of George Warner, and Corabelle B. (Rugar) Young.

A complete sketch of George Warner Young appears elsewhere in this history.

Rugar Young was educated in the public schools of Joliet and attended Howe Military Academy. He was graduated from Dartmouth College in 1914 and subsequently entered Kent Law School, Chicago. For a short time he served as a reporter on the Joliet Herald-News, and in 1916 became associated with his father's real estate interests. On May 15, 1917, he entered the first officers Training Camp at Fort Sheridan, Ill., and was commissioned a second lieutenant in August, 1917. He was then sent to France where he served with the 26th Infantry, First Division. He was on the St. Mihiel front and participated in the

Second Battle of the Marne and saw active service at Cantigny and the Montdidier and Toul sectors. His entire regiment was decorated with the French Croix deGuerre fourrager. In September, 1918, he returned to the United States and was assigned to the Tenth Division as a first lieutenant, which was in preparation for overseas duty. He was discharged from Camp Funston in 1919, and upon his return to Joliet he again became associated with his father's business.

On Oct. 16, 1918, Mr. Young married Miss Janet B. Peters, the daughter of Henry B. and Calla (Tay) Peters, of Portland, Me. Mr. Peters is identified with Swift & Company as a representative in New England. Mr. and Mrs. Young have a son, Burbank, born Oct. 16, 1921.

Mr. Young is a member of the Episcopal Church and belongs to Harwood Post No. 5, American Legion, which he helped organize and was its first commander, the "40 and 8" Society, Mt. Joliet Lodge, A. F. and A. M., Joliet Country Club, Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, Kiwanis Club, and Chamber of Commerce. He is a Republican.

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**William C. Strohm** who has been for many years a leading citizen of Joliet and is now serving as Commissioner of Public Health, is a native of Germany. He was born in Herrenalb, Wurttember, the son of Christian and Mary (Keller) Strohm.

Both Christian Strohm and his wife were natives of Herrenalb, where he was burgomaster for several terms, and also was city treasurer for fifteen years. They were the parents of six children: William C., the subject of this sketch; Pauline, married William Gall. He is deceased and she resides at Rock Island, Ill.; Amy, deceased; Adolph, Rock Island; Carl, Chicago, manager Patterson Bakery & Pie Company; Bertha, married Bernhardt Seeberger, and they reside at Rock Island.

William C. Strohm received his early education in his native land and was graduated from Polytechnical College. In 1879 he came to the United States landing in New York City and then came direct to Joliet. He was first employed by the dry goods firm of N. D. Dyer as a clerk, later purchasing an interest in the business and became first vice president. He sold his interest in the Dyer Company and became connected with L. F. Beach Dry Goods Company, where he remained for 22 years.

In 1910 Mr. Strohm was elected town supervisor of Joliet and served three terms of two years each in this capacity. He retired in 1916, but in 1923 was induced to return to public life and was elected commissioner of the city of Joliet for four years, and in 1927 was reelected.

In 1882 Mr. Strohm was married to Miss Emma Kearns, a daughter of John Kearns, a native of Lewistown, Pa. He is deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Strohm was born a daughter, Edna Pearl. She is a graduate of Wellesley College and is executive secretary to the City Charter Association of Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Strohm is a member of the German Lutheran Church and Mrs. Strohm is a Presbyterian.

Mr. Strohm is a Republican in politics and fraternally is a member of Mount Joliet Lodge, A. F. and A. M. 42; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. 27; Joliet Commandery, K. T. 4; L. O. O. Moose, 300, honorary member; I. O. O. Fellows; Modern Woodmen of America, of Stevenson Camp. He is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Strohm has always been interested in the civic affairs of Joliet and in charitable and other commendable activities has given his unselfish support.

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**Hon. Frederick Ray Adams**, probate judge of Will County, is among the distinguished jurists and public officials of Illinois. He was born at Towanda, McLean County, Ill., Feb. 1, 1884, the son of William Benjamin and Jennie Louise (Harper) Adams.

William Benjamin Adams was born at 106 North Broadway, Joliet, Aug. 18, 1859, a son of Micajah L. and Mary (Banker) Adams, early settlers of Joliet. He died May 12, 1927, and his widow resides at 201 Richmond Street, Joliet. She was born March 3, 1864, the daughter of William and Jane (Hughes) Harper. The Harper family were early settlers of Chicago, William Harper having been master carpenter in the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad for over 46 years. William Benjamin Adams was interested in grain inspecting when a young lad and continued at this occupation for a number of years in the employ of Carpenter & Marsh. After this department was placed under state control, he engaged in the railroad business with his father-in-law in Chicago, and later returned to Joliet, where he became identified with



FREDERICK RAY ADAMS



the American Steel & Wire Company. He left this firm about 1907 to go with the Southern Steel Company at Ensley, Ala., where he remained for several years. He later returned to Joliet, where he was connected with the Joliet Wall Paper Mills until his death. There were four children in the Adams family: Frederick Ray, the subject of this sketch; Myrtle Louise, born Feb. 25, 1886, was married July 17, 1908, to J. W. Lorraine, lives at San Francisco, Calif.; Hazel Irene, born May 31, 1891, married William LaFontaine, lives at 201 Richmond Street, Joliet; and Roland Harper, born March 1, 1898, died Dec. 27, 1905.

Frederick Ray Adams acquired his early education in the public schools of Chicago and Joliet. He also attended Joliet Township High School, Putland's Business College, and the Hamilton College of Law, Chicago. He was obliged to start to work when 16 years old, having entered the employ of Ferdinand Schroeder as grocery clerk and delivery boy. He spent one year as driver for the Wells-Fargo Express Company, worked in the freight department of the Michigan Central Railroad from 1902 until 1907, served as traffic manager for the Southern Steel Company, Birmingham, Ala., in 1907, and the following year collected taxes in the spring for William C. Brockman, and the balance of the year had charge of the tract indexes in the abstract offices of Charles F. Goodspeed. In the spring of 1909 he collected taxes for David R. Davis, and was also employed in the blast furnace office of the Illinois Steel Company until June 1, 1909, when he entered the Will County National Bank. He resigned as auditor of that institution Dec. 1, 1918, and accepted the office of assistant to the probate judge, Samuel J. Drew, of Will County. He held this office until Jan. 1, 1924, when he resigned to enter into active practice, having formed a partnership with Albert F. Krusemark, Edward Gorey, and the late Eneshia Meers. Mr. Adams continued in the practice of law until May 1, 1926, when he was appointed by Governor Small to the office of probate judge of Will County to succeed the late Judge Samuel J. Drew. He took office Dec. 1, 1926, as probate judge elect and is now serving in that capacity. He was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of Illinois in 1916.

On Sept. 26, 1906, Mr. Adams married Miss Hattie Irene Darragh, of Joliet, the daughter of Thomas Alexander and Minnie Louisa (Mather) Darragh. Mr. Darragh was born in Ballymena, County Antrim, Ireland,

and emigrated to America when ten years of age. His wife was born at Hillsboro, Ohio. Mr. Darragh lives with his daughter at 513 Plainfield Road. His wife died Jan. 31, 1924, and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Joliet. To Mr. and Mrs. Adams have been born three daughters: Dorothy Louise, born Jan. 11, 1910, a senior in Joliet Township High School; Lois Jane, born July 24, 1913, a freshman in Joliet Township High School; and Ruth Harriet, born July 4, 1915, attends Farragut School.

Judge Adams is a Republican and has served as city treasurer of Joliet. He and his family hold membership in the Presbyterian Church. His fraternal affiliations are: Matteson Lodge, No. 175, A. F. & A. M.; Joliet Chapter, No. 27, R. A. M.; Joliet Council, No. 82, R. and S. M.; Joliet Commandery No. 4, K. T.; Ansar Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Springfield; Joliet Lodge No. 296, B. P. O. Elks; Modern Woodmen of America; Kiwanis Club; Joliet Country Club; and Chamber of Commerce. He is identified with the Illinois State Bar Society, Will County Bar Society, and American Bar Association.

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**Charles A. Noble** is one of the vital progressive representatives of the real estate and insurance business at Joliet, where he has been actively engaged in the real estate business since 1900. He was born at Wilmington, Will County, Illinois, Oct. 12, 1859, and is the youngest of six children born to Royal S. and Ellen N. (Richards) Noble. His father died in 1862 and his mother died in 1878.

Mr. Noble attended the public schools of Wilmington, Ill., and graduated from the high school. His first position was that of bookkeeper and conveyancer in the real estate office of L. E. Ingalls, at Joliet in 1879. In 1884 he became chief deputy in the circuit clerk and recorder's office for four years and in 1888 was reappointed. In 1892 he was elected to the office of Recorder of Deeds and served as the first recorder of Will County. He was reelected to this position in 1896. During 1900-1912 he engaged in real estate having been interested in it as a speculator while in the circuit clerk's and recorder's offices. In 1912 he was elected county auditor, a new office created at that time, and served as its first auditor for four years. Was reelected in 1916 and



again in 1920. This was the second office that was created and in which he served as its first officer, viz: Recorder of Deeds and Auditor. Since December, 1900, he has been actively engaged in the real state and insurance business, which is one of the leading concerns operating in Will County.

In 1887 Mr. Noble was married to Miss Lillian Reed at St. Paul, Minn. She was born in Waukegan, Ill., and died in 1888. In June, 1899, Mr. Noble married Florence A. Smith, a daughter of A. H. Smith. To this union two children were born: Marion, married Arthur J. Stevens, lives at Joliet, and they have a daughter, Barbara; and Albert, a student at Junior College, Joliet. Mrs. Noble died in 1919.

Mr. Noble's fraternal affiliations are with Mount Joliet Lodge, A. F. and A. M. 42, past master; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. 27, past high priest; Joliet Council, R. and S. M. 82, past thrice Illustrious Master; Joliet Commandery, K. T. 4.; Medinah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. and B. P. O. Elks, No. 296. He organized the Real Estate Board of Joliet and served as its president for ten years. He was first secretary of the Union Club, and past president. When the Silver Cross Hospital was built he was president of the Board of Trustees and continued in that office for some years, and is now a trustee. In 1891 he organized the Noble Masonic Relief Society, serving as its president, and has also served as a director of the Joliet Relief Association. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and in politics is a Republican.

Mr. Noble has always taken an active interest in the civic and social affairs of Joliet and is one of the substantial citizens of whom Will County is justly proud.

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**Alfred W. Ehlers** is a veteran of the World War with a record of overseas service, and is one of the enterprising business men of the city of Joliet, where he is associated with the A. W. Ehler's Motor Sales Company. He was born at Whiting, Ind., Dec. 8, 1892, a son of Henry and Charlotte Ehlers.

Henry Ehlers, deceased, was a native of Germany. He was born at Hanover in 1844, and in early youth came to the United States and settled in Baltimore. He later removed to Chicago, where he engaged in

the general mercantile business for many years. From there he went to Whiting, Ind., where he was well known as a general merchant until the time of his death which occurred in 1907. He is buried at Hammond, Ind. His widow resides at Whiting. Mr. Ehlers was a Republican and held various public offices at Whiting, including that of chief of police, fire marshal and alderman. He was a life long member of the German Lutheran Church. There were three children in the Ehlers family; Selma, married John Visconty, lives at Whiting; Walter, lives at Whiting; and Alfred W., the subject of this sketch.

Alfred W. Ehlers grew up at Whiting, Ind., where he attended the public schools, having graduated from Whiting High School in 1909. He entered the employ of the Lake County Savings & Trust Company, Hammond, Ind., as a bookkeeper, and was later transferred to the bank's real estate department, having full charge of this department in 1915. In that year he became connected with the Inland Steel Company, Indiana Harbor, Ind., and remained with that concern until February, 1918, at which time he enlisted in the U. S. Army for service during the World War. He was sent to Camp Sherman, Ohio, and attached to the 84th Division. He later sailed for France, where he was transferred to the 16th Infantry Regiment, Company F, First Division. He participated in the battle of the Argonne and Meuse-Argonne. He was also in Germany after the close of the war with the Army of Occupation and was discharged from service, in May, 1919, with the rank of corporal. Mr. Ehlers became interested in the automobile business upon his return to Hammond, Ind., and was associated with E. L. Shover. In July, 1920, he came to Joliet and established the A. W. Ehlers Motor Sales Company. They are local dealers for the Hudson and Essex automobiles and operate one of the up-to-date sales agencies of the city.

In 1917 Mr. Ehlers married Miss Verta Sheffield, a daughter of Perry and Helen (Dixon) Sheffield, natives of Indiana. Mr. Sheffield, who died in January, 1928, was a prominent agriculturist of Valparaiso, Ind. His widow lives at Hammond. Mr. and Mrs. Ehlers have two sons: Robert, born in June, 1918, and Edwin, born in March, 1923.

Mr. Ehlers is affiliated with Mount Joliet Lodge, A. F. and A. M. No. 42, and American Legion, Harwood Post, No. 5. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and a Republican in politics.

**George J. Arbeiter**, in the profession of law, has attained noteworthy rank in Will County. He has been in continuous practice at Joliet since 1895. Mr. Arbeiter was born in Plainfield Township, Will County, June 10, 1865, the son of Carl and Katherina (Suhler) Arbeiter.

Carl Arbeiter was born at Grottkau, Prussia, Germany, and his wife was a native of Kulmbach, Bavaria, Germany. He emigrated to the United States in 1850 and settled in Plainfield Township, Will County, where he improved a tract of 250 acres. He became a prosperous farmer and stockman and at the time of his death was living retired at Plainfield. His wife came to the United States in 1855, their marriage taking place at Joliet. She is also deceased and with her husband is buried in Plainfield Township. Mr. Arbeiter was a Democrat, and served as highway commissioner and school director. He was a member of the Catholic Church and his wife belonged to the Lutheran Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Arbeiter were born five children: Joseph, a farmer, lives at Alexandria, Minn.; Charles W., a farmer, lives in Na-ausay Township, Kendall County, Ill.; George J., the subject of this sketch; Mary W.; and Adeline, both deceased.

Receiving his education in the public schools of Plainfield Township, George J. Arbeiter engaged in the teaching profession for two years. He then took a business course at the University of Valparaiso and from there went to Chicago, where he was employed by the Smith Wire Company of New Jersey. Later he entered the University of Illinois, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1893. Two years later he was graduated in Law from the University of Michigan. He was admitted to the Illinois State bar during that year and opened offices in Joliet in the Barber Building. Mr. Arbeiter is identified with the Will County Bar Association, Illinois State Bar Association, and American Bar Association.

On Feb. 1, 1899, Mr. Arbeiter was united in marriage with Miss E. Kittie McBride, of Elgin, Ill., a daughter of Henry and Margaret (Adams) McBride, natives of Ireland. Mrs. Arbeiter is the youngest of eleven children, and the only member of her family born in the United States. Her parents were early settlers of Elgin, Ill., where Mr. McBride engaged in the coal business for a number of years. This business is now conducted by his son, Henry E. McBride and a grandson William

in the Seventh Ward. In 1898 Mr. Howk was elected to the office of justice of the peace. He has also served for two terms as a member of the Joliet city council.

Mr. Howk was married at San Jose, Calif., in 1872, to Miss Emma Grant, the daughter of William and Sophia (Smith) Grant. Both are deceased. Mrs. Howk was born in the State of Michigan. To Mr. and Mrs. Howk four children were born: Charles, lives in Chicago, where he is connected with the Commonwealth Edison Company, married Miss Marie Brandan; Ray, identified with the Herald-News, Joliet; Mrs. Alfred Caulkins, and Mrs. William Downing, both deceased.

Politically Mr. Howk is a Republican. He has been affiliated with Matteson Lodge, A. F. and A. M., No. 175, since March 18, 1884, making a period of 44 years to 1927.

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William W. Smith, recorder of Will County, is among the prominent men of Joliet. He was born in Madison County, Ga., Jan. 16, 1863, the son of William R. and Mary (Whitworth) Smith.

William R. Smith, deceased, was born and reared in Madison County, Georgia, and in 1866 moved to Cobb County, Georgia, where he successfully engaged in general farming. He was born Jan. 14, 1830, and died in October, 1904. His wife, who was born in Madison County, Feb. 28, 1828, died in December, 1876. Both are buried in Bullard Cemetery, near Powder Springs, Ga. They were lifelong members of the Baptist Church, of which he served as deacon.

William W. Smith was educated in the schools of Cobb County, Ga., and spent his early youth on his father's farm. In September, 1886, he went to Birmingham, Alabama, where he engaged in railroad construction work, remaining there until 1891. During this time he also learned the carpenter trade there and the same year he went to Pittsburgh, Pa., where he learned the structural iron workers trade. In 1893 he removed to Joliet, where he was employed in the construction of the Phoenix Horseshoe plant, continuing in their employ until 1908., when he was elected recorder of deeds of Will County and has been reelected to that office every four years, having served continuously for a period of 20 years.



*William W. Smith*



On Sept. 14, 1898, Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Miss Gertrude L. DeLong, the daughter of Stephen V. and Sarah J. (Stanley) DeLong, natives of New York. Mr. and Mrs. DeLong were married in Will County, Ill., having come here about 1866 and were married in 1868. Mr. DeLong was a soldier of the Civil War. He enlisted in New York and served throughout the war in the Heavy Artillery. Mr. and Mrs. DeLong are deceased and are buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Joliet. Mrs. Smith died July 7, 1921. On Oct. 3, 1925, Mr. Smith married Miss Charlotte M. Teetsell, the daughter of Jeremiah H. and Charlotte A. (Brink) Teetsell. Both Mr. and Mrs. Teetsell, natives of New York, are deceased, and are buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Saugerties, N. Y. Mr. Teetsell was also a Civil War soldier and served two years and 10 months in Company G, 120th Volunteer Infantry.

Mr. Smith is a member of the Presbyterian Church and he is affiliated with Mt. Joliet Lodge, A. F. & A. M. No. 42, past master in 1900; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. No. 27; Joliet Council, R. and S. M. No. 87; Joliet Commandery, K. T. No. 4; Oriental Consistory, A. A. S. R. 32nd degree; Ansar Temple A. A. O. N. M. S., Springfield, Ill.; Shrine Club of Joliet; Loyal Order of Moose, No. 300; and Modern Woodmen of America. He is a Republican in politics and has held the office of tax collector of Joliet Township.

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**Arthur Lee Shreffler, M. D.** is among the leading surgeons of Joliet, where he was born Oct. 9, 1884. He is the son of Samuel and Bertha (Murphy) Shreffler.

Samuel Shreffler was born in Lancaster County, Pa., in 1839, and his widow is a native of Cook County, Ill., and resides in Joliet, where Mr. Shreffler was a well known inventor and manufacturer. He died May 8, 1928. Two sons were born to them: Arthur Lee, the subject of this sketch; and Roy, also resides in Joliet.

Samuel Shreffler came to Joliet with his parents, Samuel and Paulina Shreffler about 1843. They settled near Zarley's Point, where Mr. Shreffler operated a brick yard. He was the builder of the plank road between Joliet and Plainfield, and was a pioneer hotel proprietor of Joliet, having conducted a hostelry on Washington Street. Samuel

Shreffler, Jr., discovered the first coal lands in Illinois while on a hunting trip near Braidwood, Ill. This section was later developed by the Peabody Coal Company.

Arthur Lee Shreffler spent his boyhood in Joliet and attended the public schools. He was graduated from Joliet Township High School in 1904 and subsequently took up the study of medicine at the University of Wisconsin. He received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from Northwestern University in 1911 and spent the following year as an interne in the Wesley Memorial Hospital, Chicago. From 1912 until 1917 he was a professor of clinical surgery of Northwestern University, being first assistant to Dr. William E. Schroeder at that institution. Besides his extensive practice in Joliet, Doctor Shreffler serves on the surgical staff of Wesley Memorial Hospital, Chicago, and the local hospitals, Silver Cross and St. Joseph's. During the World War he served on the local draft board as an examiner.

On July 18, 1914, Doctor Shreffler was united in marriage with Miss Edna Gertrude Luke, of Cincinnati, Ohio, the daughter of Captain M. H. and Ella (Penfield) Luke, both natives of Illinois. Captain Luke, now deceased, was responsible for the introduction of the Bertillion System into the prisons of the United States and for many years was superintendent of the reformatory at Pontiac, Ill. His widow resides at San Diego, Calif.

Politically, Doctor Shreffler is a Republican. He holds membership in the Universalist Church and is affiliated with Matteson Lodge, A. F. and A. M. No. 175, and Phi Rho Sigma fraternity. He also belongs to the Joliet Country Club and Chamber of Commerce. He is past president of the Will County Medical Society, and also belongs to the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

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**Earl C. Casey**, who is a successful promoter of oil development and who is serving in the office of justice of the peace, maintains his office in the Morris Building, Joliet. He is a scion of the third generation of the family in Illinois, where his paternal grandfather, Zadok Casey, established a residence in an early day. Mr. Casey was born on the homestead farm near Mount Vernon, Jefferson County, Ill., in 1884,



and is a son of Thomas Jefferson and Jennie (Marteeny) Casey, the former born near Mount Vernon, Ill., and the latter at Danville, Ill.

Thomas Jefferson Casey was long engaged in business as a successful breeder and grower of high grade horses and mules.

Earl C. Casey attended the public schools until he was 16 years of age, when he began an apprenticeship in the milling and smelting of ores at Florence, Colo. Five years later he associated himself with the oil refining business at Boulder, Colo., thereby allied with his father-in-law in establishing one of the first refineries in Colorado, and later becoming a pioneer in connection with oil production in the Spring Valley District of Wyoming. He became one of the principals in establishing a refinery there and after serving as superintendent of the same for three years, he disposed of his interests in the property, which at that time was sold to the Utah Oil and Refining Company of Salt Lake City. Under the new ownership Mr. Casey was retained as superintendent of the Spring Valley refinery during the ensuing three years, and he then returned to Illinois and became assistant superintendent of the Lockport Works of the Texas Oil Company. He was soon advanced to the position of superintendent of the plant and after continuing his residence at Lockport four years he returned to Wyoming and associated himself with the Interior Oil & Development Company in the Salt Creek fields and with headquarters at Casper. There he remained two and one-half years, at the expiration of which he established his residence at Joliet, where he has been engaged successfully in the jobbing business and has also been associated with development work in the oil fields, he being now the president of the Northern Oil Development Company of Joliet, which has large interests in the vicinity of Minooka, Grundy County, Ill., where wells are being driven and other development work carried forward at the same time. Within a period of his association with the oil industry Mr. Casey has made a close study of geology, especially in connection with oil development.

The Republican party receives the loyal allegiance of Mr. Casey and while he has not been a seeker of public office he has held that of justice of the peace since May 4, 1925. He is affiliated with the four bodies of the York Rite of Masonic fraternity, in which his main alliance is with the Commandery of Knights Templar in his home city, and he

is likewise a Noble of the Mystic Shrine and a member of Joliet Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Speed Boy Club and the N. E. A. Club, and he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist church.

In 1904 Mr. Casey was united in marriage with Miss Mabel L. Clark, who was born at Neodesha, Kan., and whose death occurred in 1913, she being survived by one child, Clark Thomas, who was born April 19, 1911. In 1921 Mr. Casey married Miss Elizabeth Kirkham, who was born and reared in Joliet, and who is a daughter of Thomas and Agnes (Cooper) Kirkham, the former a native of England and the latter of Scotland. Mr. and Mrs. Casey have a daughter, Virginia Agnes, who was born Nov. 8, 1924.

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George L. Obsitnik, Jr. is a veteran of the World War and one of the enterprising young men of Joliet, where he is serving as justice of the peace. He was born in this city, April 9, 1893, the son of George L. and Anna (Evanko) Obsitnik.

George L. Obsitnik, who lives retired in Joliet, is a native of Austria. He was born in 1860 and came to the United States when he was 20 years old. He spent one year at Diamond, Ind., where he was employed in the mines, and in 1881 he removed to Joliet, where he was connected with the Illinois Steel Company for many years. He was later sent to Buffalo, N. Y., by the company as foreman of the Seneca plant. Mr. Obsitnik has also served as a member of the local police force and for a number of years was interested in the cafe and restaurant business. He is a Democrat and a member of St. Cyril's Catholic Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Obsitnik the following children were born: Mary, married Andrew Salata, lives at Joliet; George L., Jr., the subject of this sketch; Anna, married Peter Cleary, lives at Joliet; Martin, a World War veteran; Susie, married Mike Chizmarik; Nellie, married Peter Lazar; Michael; John; Bertha; all residents of Joliet; and Elizabeth, deceased.

After completing his schooling at Joliet, George L. Obsitnik, Jr., learned the machinist trade while in the employ of the Illinois Steel Company. In 1909 he left the company's employ and enlisted in the U. S. Army. He was assigned to Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, and later

sent to the Philippine Islands, where he was attached to the 21st Infantry at Parang Moro Province, Island of Mindino. In May, 1911, he was transferred to Vancouver barracks, Washington, where he was discharged. He then reenlisted and in October, 1912, went to Mexico, where he remained until 1917. He was then transferred to San Diego, Calif., and from there to Camp Kearney, Calif., as an instructor. He was later sent as an instructor to Camp Pike, Arkansas. He then attended the First Officers Training Camp at Presidio, Calif., where he was commissioned a captain and upon his return to Camp Pike he was assigned to the 162nd Depot Brigade as an instructor. He later served as an instructor at the Second and Third Officers Training Schools at Camp Pike, and after the Central Officers Training School was established, he became junior instructor. He remained there until the close of the war when he was attached to the Headquarters of Demobilization at Camp Pike. He resigned his commission and was assigned to Company B, Third Division, as first sergeant, and attached to the Recruiting Headquarters at Camp Pike. He was later attached to the Intelligence Department, G2. He was discharged as a first sergeant, July 13, 1922. He then went to Little Rock, Ark., and spent a year as a member of the police force of that city. He removed to Joliet, July 6, 1923, and served on the local police force until May, 1925, when he was elected justice of the peace.

In 1911 Mr. Obsitnik married Miss Lena Donham, the daughter of William C. and Sallie (Fite) Donham, of Little Rock, Ark. Mrs. Obsitnik is a sister of Henry Donham, who is prosecuting attorney of Pulaski County, Ark. To Mr. and Mrs. Obsitnik have been born five children: Agnes, George Lawrence III, Lawrence George, and Virginia Mae, all at home; and George Arthur, deceased.

Mr. Obsitnik is a Republican, and has the following fraternal affiliations: American Legion, Harwood Post No. 5; The "40 and 8" Society; Veterans of Foreign Wars; American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps; F. O. Eagles, Aerial No. 377; Loyal Order of Moose, No. 300; Knights of Columbus; Northeastern Athletic Society; Erwin Athletic Club; St. Cyril's Athletic Club; St. George's Catholic Fraternal Organization; Chamber of Commerce and the Elks. He is a member of the Catholic Church and his wife holds membership in the Baptist Church.

**Frank I. Weishaar.**—One of the representative business men of Joliet is Frank I. Weishaar, vice president and director of the Will County National Bank and general superintendent of the Joliet Republican Printing Company. Throughout his life his main interests have been centered in this city, where he is a property owner and a useful citizen.

Mr. Weishaar was born in Richton, Cooke County, Ill., April 22, 1861, the son of Ignatz and Johanna (Ledoux) Weishaar. Ignatz Weishaar was born at Schoenburg, France, Feb. 16, 1831, and his wife was a native of Switzerland, born Feb. 14, 1834. In March, 1824, Mr. Weishaar came to the United States and settled in Chicago, where he was married April 5, 1853. For a number of years Mr. Weishaar engaged in general farming near Chicago and later removed to Joliet where he was well known as a dry goods merchant. He was highly esteemed in Joliet and during his residence in this city lived at 303 Center Street. He was a devout member of St. John's Catholic Church and was an organist in that church. On April 14, 1903, the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Weishaar was celebrated in St. John's Church, Rev. Polycarp, O. F. M., being celebrant of the Mass as well as the speaker on that happy occasion. Mr. Weishaar died Nov. 5, 1909, and his wife died April 19, 1910. They are buried in St. John's Catholic Cemetery, Joliet. Mr. and Mrs. Weishaar were the parents of 15 children as follows: Frances, the widow of Frank Weiss, lives at Joliet; Mary, deceased, was the wife of Curtis Brainard; Rose, deceased, was the wife of Andrew Bear; Josephine, married John Frederick, both deceased; Frank I., the subject of this sketch; Elizabeth, deceased; Katherine, married Charles Young, lives at Joliet; Johanna, married Jerry Lovejoy, lives at Glen Haven, Fla.; August, deceased; Anna, married Jay Dahl, lives at Columbus, Ohio; Clara, married Anthony Reichman, both deceased; Pius, deceased; Rachael, the widow of Dr. Frederick Schoop, lives at Lockport, Ill.; Pauline and Geneveva, deceased.

In the parochial schools of his native city, Frank I. Weishaar obtained his education. After leaving school he learned the tailor's trade and soon after entered the employ of the Joliet Republican as an apprentice typesetter. At that time James Goodspeed was the proprietor of the newspaper as well as postmaster. The office was located at South

Ottawa Street where the People's Abstract Company now stands. Mr. Weishaar has continued his connection with this concern since July 1876. About 1880 he was transferred to the press room, of which he was later made foreman. He held this position for five years, after which he was promoted to foreman of the composing room. Since 1902 he has served as general superintendent of this plant, which was moved to its present location in 1904.

For a number of years Mr. Weishaar has been identified with the Will County National Bank. He has been a director since 1910 and in 1925 was elected vice president.

In 1888 Mr. Weishaar was united in marriage with Miss Lunetta Thayer, the daughter of Caleb C. and Johanna (Murphy) Thayer, both deceased. Mr. Thayer was a veteran of the Civil War and a well known resident of Joliet, where he engaged in the contracting business. Mr. and Mrs. Weishaar have no children.

Mr. Weishaar is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, Joliet Council, No. 32 and belongs to the Chamber of Commerce. He is identified with the Merchant's Association, of which he served as director for nine years.

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**James E. Burke**, one of the highly successful of the younger attorneys of Joliet, is a member of one of the prominent pioneer families of Will County. He was born in this city, Oct. 26, 1898, the son of James and Nora (Ryder) Burke.

James Burke was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1867, and was a son of Thomas Burke, one of the earliest settlers of Joliet. James Burke was a moulder by trade and came to Joliet in early youth with his parents. He soon established a business in this city and was thus successfully engaged at the time of his death in April, 1902. His wife died Nov. 11, 1927, and they are buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Joliet. She was born at Wolverhampton, England, Oct. 9, 1870. Both Mr. and Mrs. Burke were members of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Joliet. They were the parents of the following children: Thomas, a World War veteran, now assistant city engineer, Joliet; Mary, married Raymond Schuster, lives at Joliet; Marjorie, lives at Joliet; James E., the subject of this sketch; and Leo, deceased.

James E. Burke has always lived in Joliet. He received his early education in the parochial and public schools and later attended Notre Dame University. He was graduated from the Law School of DePauw University in 1922, and in October of that year was admitted to the Illinois State bar. He immediately became associated with the law firm of Faulkner & Faulkner. At present Mr. Burke is connected with the firm of Donovan, Bray & Gray. He was appointed assistant state's attorney of Will County, Ill., August, 1926.

Mr. Burke is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and belongs to the Elks Lodge, Delta Theta Phi fraternity, American Legion, and Chamber of Commerce. In politics he is a Republican.

During the World War Mr. Burke served in the Student Army Training Corps at Notre Dame University, and was discharged with the rank of corporal.

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William R. Fletcher, M. D., has been closely identified with the history of the city of Joliet for upwards of a quarter of a century, during which time he has won success and prominence both in the profession of medicine and business circles, and is today serving the city of Joliet as its postmaster. He was born at Ridgefarm, Ill., July 20, 1876, and is a son of Henry and Mahala (Haworth) Fletcher, both of whom were born at Ridgefarm.

Henry Fletcher, deceased, followed agriculture all his life, moving into Ridgefarm about twenty years before his death, which occurred in 1909. He was well known in the community in which he lived and for eight years was supervisor of Elwood Township, and took a very active interest in civic and political affairs. His wife died in 1927, and they are both buried in Pilot Grove Cemetery near Ridgefarm. To Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher eight children were born: Oliver, died in infancy; John, a farmer, Ridgefarm; Albert I., was postmaster at the time of his death in 1908; Dr. Marcus S., lives at Georgetown, Ill.; William, died in infancy; William R., the subject of this sketch; Lydia R. Fletcher Wasson, lives at Chrisman, Ill.; and Ola Fletcher Pierce, Ridgefarm, Ill.

William R. Fletcher attended the public schools and assisted on his father's farm. After his graduation from Ridgefarm High School he



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spent two years at Earlham College, Richmond, Ind.; two years at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Chicago; two years at the Kentucky School of Medicine, Louisville, graduating as valedictorian of his class. His first practice was as assistant physician of the Illinois State Penitentiary in July, 1901. He was physician in charge at that institution in 1902. In 1913 he entered private practice in Joliet where he was an acknowledged leader in his profession. At the outbreak of the World War, Dr. Fletcher enlisted for service, on May 20, 1918, and on July 24th of that year entered Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio, as a first lieutenant, with 309th Sanitary Train, 84th Division, which sailed for France from Hoboken, Sept. 9, 1918. Arriving in Liverpool, Sept. 21st, was immediately sent to South Hampton, then across the channel to La Havre, France, then to St. Leon, France, only to be transferred to Camp Hospital 54 near Periguiex, Oct. 10th, remaining until Dec. 30th, then sent to Camp Hospital 102 Virilade, 20 miles south of Bordeaux, an embarkation hospital, remaining until May 21st, sent to Bassens near Bordeaux, and sailed for the United States May 30th, receiving his honorable discharge July 3, 1919, at Camp Grant, Ill., as a first lieutenant. Doctor Fletcher resumed his practice of medicine on Aug. 1, 1919. He joined the American Legion in August, 1919, and was elected commander of Harwood Post, No. 5, in December, 1919, serving one year. In 1924 was elected district commander of the 11th District comprising the counties of Will, DuPage, Kane, and McHenry at the state convention at Champaign in 1924 and served two years. Doctor Fletcher also served as physician at the penitentiary from September, 1919, until April, 1927, when he became postmaster at Joliet. He has also served several terms as county physician.

Dr. Fletcher is a member of the Will County Medical Society and served as chairman of the Medical Legal Committee for several years and is a member of the Illinois State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. He belongs to Matteson Lodge, No. 175, Joliet A. F. & A. M.; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. No. 27; Joliet Commandery No. 4, K. T.; Medinah Temple, Chicago Shrine; the Moose; the Modern Woodmen; the Elks, past exalted ruler, and was district deputy 1914 to 1924, and was president of the Illinois Elks State Association in 1923.

**Frank G. Brumund**, assistant State's attorney, is numbered among the able and resourceful attorneys practicing at the bar of Will County. He was born at Green Garden, Will County, May 6, 1880, the son of Diedrich and Dorothea (Bettenhausen) Brumund.

Diedrich Brumund, deceased, was a native of Germany. He was among the early settlers of Will County and engaged in general farming and stock raising. He died Feb. 15, 1927, and is buried in Elmhurst Cemetery, Joliet. He was a lifelong Republican and always took an active part in local politics. His widow, also born in Germany, lives at 105 Manor Court, Joliet. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Brumund: Lydia K. Andrew, lives at Lincoln, Neb.; Diedrich A., died Jan. 1, 1915, buried in Elmhurst Cemetery, Joliet; Alvin L., lives at Waukeegan, Ill.; Lina A., twin sister of Alvin L., lives at Joliet; and Frank G., the subject of this sketch.

Frank G. Brumund grew up on his father's farm at Green Garden and attended the public schools at that place. He is a graduate of Joliet Township High School, Baldwin-Wallace University, Berea, Ohio; Northern Illinois Normal School and Dixon Business College, at Dixon, Ill., and the LaSalle Extension University Law School. After completing his early college work he conducted a confectionery business in Joliet for a number of years. He later became a rural mail carrier and resigned to accept a position with the Probate Judge of Will County as his clerk. During this time he studied law and was admitted to the bar while still in the employ of the Probate Judge. Mr. Brumund has been in active practice for ten years and for the last three years has been assistant State's attorney. He has offices in the Barber Building.

On Sept. 20, 1904, Mr. Brumund was united in marriage with Miss Grace M. Mack, a native of Carpenterville, Ill., the daughter of Charles and Mary (Boehm) Mack, natives of Germany. Mr. Mack, deceased, was a pioneer meat dealer of Joliet, having conducted a meat business for many years on Washington Street. He died March 19, 1920, and his wife died April 15, 1925. They are buried in Elmhurst Cemetery, Joliet. To Mr. and Mrs. Brumund have been born three sons: Robert E., born Aug. 24, 1905, a senior at Armour Institute, Chicago; George M., born April 2, 1909, a junior at Joliet Township High School; and Paul F., born April 22, 1916, attends Farragut School.

Mr. Brumund is a Republican. He has never been a candidate for any political office but served as clerk to the supervisor of census in 1900, and as census enumerator in 1910. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and has the following fraternal affiliations: Matteson Lodge, A. F. and A. M., No. 175; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. No. 27; Joliet Commandery, K. T. No. 4; Ansar Temple of the Mystic Shrine; Paul Revere Lodge, No. 371, Knights of Pythias, of which he is past chancellor; Aa Zaz Temple, No. 247, D. O. K. K.; Joliet Lodge No. 296, Elks; Joliet Camp, No. 6647 Modern Woodmen of America, of which he has been clerk since its organization, Nov. 13, 1907.

Mr. Brumund served in the National Guard of Illinois until 1904. He is past president of the Joliet Den of Lions International Club.

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**Rev. Henry George Van Pelt**, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, is one of the highly esteemed and influential men of Joliet. He was born at Racine, Wis., July 26, 1863, the son of Henry and Margaret (Mertage) Van Pelt.

Henry Van Pelt was a native of New York, being a direct descendant of one of the earliest Dutch families of that section. He was an architect and builder. His wife, who was born at County Monaghan, Ireland, was of French descent. Both Mr. and Mrs. Van Pelt are deceased.

Henry George Van Pelt obtained his early schooling in Chicago. He was graduated from St. Ignatius College in 1884 and from St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Md., in 1890. He spent the following three years in Europe, being enrolled for two years in the College of Propaganda, Gregorian College of Rome. He later studied Medicine at the University of Berlin, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Upon his return to the United States he decided to devote his life to church work and was appointed assistant pastor of St. James Catholic Church, in Chicago. Later he spent seven years at St. Mel's Church, Chicago, and was also pastor of St. Mary's Church, Sycamore, Ill., for 18 months. On Nov. 1, 1905, he was assigned to the pastorate of the Sacred Heart Church of Joliet. This parish has developed into one of the leading church organizations of the city and is proof of the good

judgment and keen business ability which Rev. Van Pelt possesses to a marked degree. He is ably assisted in his work by several priests.

Rev. Van Pelt is widely known throughout the State as an orator of exceptional talents. He is a man of the highest ideals and is greatly beloved and respected by all who know him.

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**Elmer H. Bielfeldt** is a veteran of the World War and one of the prominent young attorneys of Joliet. He was born at Beecher, Will County, Sept. 16, 1896, the son of Henry and Tillie (Boltmann) Bielfeldt.

Henry Bielfeldt, deceased, was a representative business man of Will County. He was born in Germany, the son of Henning and Katharina Bielfeldt, both deceased. He was two years of age when he came to this country with his parents and settled at Beecher in Will County. After completing his schooling he became interested in his father's business, of which he became part owner. He was a dealer in lumber, coal, cement, and farm implements. Mr. Bielfeldt died July 28, 1904, and is buried at Beecher. He was a Republican, a member of the Evangelical Church, and Beecher Lodge, A. F. and A. M. No. 1087, and Modern Woodmen of America. Elmer H., was the only child born to Mr. and Mrs. Bielfeldt.

Elmer H. Bielfeldt obtained his early education in the public schools of Beecher and attended Momence High School. He was graduated from the College of Law, Northwestern University in 1920, and was admitted to the Illinois State Bar, Dec. 15, 1921. He was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the United States, Jan. 21, 1925. After being admitted to the bar of Will County, he became associated with the law firm of Barr & Barr. He has engaged in private practice since Jan. 1, 1928, and has offices in the Morris Building.

In June, 1918, Mr. Bielfeldt enlisted in the U. S. Navy and was sent throughout the west in the interest of the Liberty Loan campaigns. Later he was transferred to the transport U. S. S. "Mt. Vernon." He was discharged from the service, Jan. 15, 1919.

Mr. Bielfeldt is a Republican, a member of the Evangelical Church, and belongs to Beecher Lodge, A. F. and A. M. No. 1087, Order of the

Eastern Star, American Legion, Harwood Post, No. 5; Delta Theta Phi fraternity; and Chamber of Commerce, Will County and Illinois State Bar associations.

Mr. Bielfeldt is a director of the Dixie Dairy Company of Beecher, and liquidating agent for the First National Bank of Beecher.

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**August Beltzner.**—Active and progressive in business, August Beltzner is prominent in Joliet where he is cashier and trust officer of the Joliet Trust & Savings Bank. He was born at Johnstown, Pa., June 15, 1882, a son of August and Christiana W. (Sibbach) Beltzner.

August Beltzner was born in Baden, Germany, and his wife was a native of Bavaria. He came to Mauch Chunk, Pa., from Germany at the age of six years. When the Civil War opened he enlisted in the Union army and served until the close of the war. He later moved to Johnstown, Pa., and was there at the time of the Johnstown flood. He afterward had charge of the men who were engaged in rebuilding the wire mill for the Cambria Iron Company. When this concern changed their plans about rebuilding, he moved to Joliet in 1892 and took charge of the Ashley wire mills. He was advanced to the Meeker Avenue plant and later had charge of the Rockdale plant of the American Steel & Wire Company. In 1902 he retired and opened a grocery store, which he operated until the time of his tragic death, July 1, 1908, which occurred when his store was burglarized. His wife died Oct. 16, 1925. Both are buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Joliet. To Mr. and Mrs. Beltzner the following children were born: Elizabeth C., married Harry G. Clark, lives at Oakland, Cal.; Mary H., deceased, was the wife of B. G. McDowell; William G., deceased; Robert J., lives at Pueblo, Colo.; Marguerite A., married Frank Walker, lives at Joliet; Annie E., married George E. Bolton, lives at Joliet; Ellen N., married Judson Haggerty, lives at Joliet; Roy S., lives at Lead, S. D.; Viola F., lives at Joliet; and August, the subject of this sketch.

After finishing high school at Joliet, August Beltzner entered the employ of the First National Bank as a collector. He later attended Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Ill., and upon his return to Joliet again entered the employ of the First National Bank. He worked

through the various positions until he became trust officer. In 1922 he resigned his position with the bank to take up the duties of secretary and treasurer of the American Ice Cream and Bakery Company. When this company was dissolved he returned to banking interests and accepted the position of trust officer with the Joliet Trust and Savings Bank. He is now also cashier of that institution.

On April 20, 1910, Mr. Beltzner married Miss Laura Clement, of Joliet, the daughter of Arthur C. and Georgia M. (Smith) Clement. Mr. Clement was born in Joliet, where he now resides. His wife, a native of New York, is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Beltzner have a son, August Clement Beltzner.

Mr. Beltzner is a member of the Central Presbyterian Church and is affiliated with Matteson Lodge, F. and A. M. No. 175; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. No. 27; Joliet Commandery, No. 4, K. T.; Medinah Shrine; Joliet Shrine; Joliet Country Club; Joliet Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club; and Modern Woodmen of America. He is a Republican.

Mr. Beltzner was inducted into service during the World War and was ordered to report at Louisville, Ky., but owing to the signing of the Armistice the order was recalled.

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Charles F. Hinricks, cashier of the Will County National Bank, is among the able and widely known financiers of Joliet. He was born in Green Garden Township, Will County, March 29, 1866, the son of U. H. and Caroline (Karch) Hinricks. Mr. Hinricks is deceased. He and his wife were early settlers of Will County. Mrs. Hinricks resides at Peotone, Ill., and is 88 years old.

Charles F. Hinricks obtained his education in the public schools of Green Garden and Frankfort, Ill. He later entered Northwestern College at Naperville, where he specialized in the study of accounting and law, and from which institution he was graduated in 1885. He engaged in teaching school during the succeeding four years and then came to Joliet, where he spent five years in the service of the Joliet City Bank. He was then employed in the accounting and cost department of the Illinois Steel Company for eight years, after which he was identified with the Citizens National Bank for six years, and then with the real

estate firm of Monroe Brothers for seven years. In July, 1920, Mr. Hinricks became associated with the Will County National Bank, Joliet, in the capacity of assistant cashier, and on Sept. 15th of the same year he was made cashier of that institution. Since that date Mr. Hinricks has devoted his entire attention to the affairs of this bank with most gratifying results.

Mr. Hinricks was married Nov. 1, 1889, to Miss Hannah C. Stassen, who was born in Green Garden Township, Will County. They have four children: Caroline D., the widow of Albert Kroesch, lives at Bloomington; Herbert S., Topeka, Kans.; Hazel L., wife of M. G. Jordon; and Myrtle J., at home.

Mr. Hinricks is a Republican, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge, thirty-second degree, Knights Templar, Lions Club, Shabbona Club, and Chamber of Commerce.

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Howard N. Flexer, M. D., is a representative member of the medical profession in Joliet, where he is a specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. He was born in Reddick, Ill., Oct. 29, 1889, a son of Dr. John R. and Helen N. (Peck) Flexer.

John R. Flexer, M. D., was born near Allentown, Pa., Sept. 22, 1863. He attended the public schools of Allentown, the State Normal School, and Mulhensburg College. He graduated from the Medical College of the University of Pennsylvania in 1886 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He was in practice in Reddick, Ill., and at Eau Claire, Ill., coming to Joliet in 1889, and has attained a place with the foremost of his profession in this part of Illinois. His wife was born near Utica, N. Y. They are the parents of four children: Howard N., the subject of this sketch; Fayette J., American Consul at Frontera, Mexico; Edna H., married Stuart P. Walsh, resides in Seattle, Wash.; and Dr. Walter G., Polo, Mo.

Howard N. Flexer attended the public and high schools of Joliet, graduating from the latter in 1906, after which he took a post graduate course of one year. He then prepared for his profession at the Illinois College of Medicine from which he received his degree in 1912. He was an interne at St. Joseph's Hospital 1912-1913. In the latter year he

engaged in the practice of his profession at Lakeview, Mich., until 1919, when he removed his office to Joliet.

During the World War Dr. Flexer served in the Volunteer Medical Service Corps, and was assigned to territory in and around Lakeview, Mich. He was chairman of the Liberty and Victory loans Nos. 3, 4 and 5, giving a great deal of time to the cause, his team going over the top 80 per cent.

In 1919 Dr. Flexer took a post graduate course at the Chicago Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat College.

In 1914 Dr. Flexer was united in marriage with Miss Irene E. Singer, a daughter of Guy E and Nellie (Shattuck) Singer. Mr. Singer, who is a building contractor, lives at Sycamore, Ill. His wife is deceased. Doctor and Mrs. Flexer have a daughter, Kathryn, a student. The family hold membership in the Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Flexer is a member of the Will County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. He is affiliated with Matteson Lodge, A. F. and A. M. No. 175; and American Legion, Harwood Post, No. 5. Politically he is a Republican.

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**Frank W. Wheeler**, clerk of the probate court, at Joliet, Ill., is a well known and highly respected citizen of Will County. He was born at Waterloo, Seneca County, N. Y., June 13, 1865, a son of Charles R. and Evalee (Van Riper) Wheeler, the former a native of Waterloo, and the latter of Warren, Ohio.

Charles R. Wheeler, deceased, when a youth learned the hardware business from his father. In 1867 he established a hardware store at Greenville, Mich., which he conducted until 1873. He was an expert copper mechanic and worked in various places throughout the United States after leaving Michigan. He worked for the Pierce-Arrow Automobile Company at Buffalo for some time prior to his retirement. He died in 1909 and is buried at Waterloo, N. Y. During the Civil War he enlisted in the 133rd New York Volunteer Infantry and served a two year enlistment, and then reenlisted for the duration of the war. He was honorably discharged June 15, 1865, as a color sergeant, at Geneva, N. Y. He was a Democrat and a member of the Episcopal Church, and





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the Grand Army of the Republic, Tyler J. Snyder Post. His widow resides at Waterloo. To their union three children were born: Frank W., the subject of this sketch; Eva H., the wife of McClelland Stetson, resides at Reading, Pa.; and LaVancha, deceased, buried at Waterloo, N. Y. Charles R. Wheeler has three brothers who also served in the Civil War, George, Clarence, and Howard. Two were prisoners for a time at Andersonville, and one in Libby prison. They all died from the effects of wounds received during the war.

Frank W. Wheeler was graduated from the Waterloo High School in 1883, and immediately learned the shoemaking trade at Auburn, N. Y. from the Reilly & McGarr Shoe Manufacturers. Later he went to Rochester, N. Y., with the P. Cox Shoe Company. In 1888 he was with the Phelps, Dodge & Palmer, Shoe manufacturers, Chicago, resigning in 1890. For two years he was with Tilt-Smith & Co., resigning March 1, 1892, when he came to Joliet and worked for Selz-Schwab & Company, manufacturers of shoes for the Joliet prison. He remained with this concern until 1904 when their contract expired. In September, 1904, the state of Illinois began the manufacture of shoes for the prison inmates and Mr. Wheeler was made superintendent and remained there for ten years. In 1914 he went to Jefferson City, Mo., for his former employers, the Selz-Schwab Company, and was foreman of the making room of this factory, resigning in August, 1914. He then went to Sheboygan, Mich., where he worked a year for the Sheboygan Shoe Company, and in 1915 returned to Joliet as an inspector for the Illinois Steel Company. Later he was with the American Can Company. In 1916 he was appointed clerk of the board of improvement of the city of Joliet, and on March 1, 1918 he became deputy probate clerk. In November, 1922, he was elected clerk of the probate court of Will County, and was reelected in 1926.

In 1886 Mr. Wheeler was married to Miss Mary E. Hood, of Clyde, N. Y., and to them was born a daughter, Mae H., now a clerk in her father's office. Mrs. Wheeler died Feb. 26, 1922. Mr. Wheeler married (second) Miss Harriet M. Welch, on July 25, 1923.

Mr. Wheeler has greatly interested himself in the labor movement, and has held several important appointments in the various organizations. He belonged to the Knights of Labor in Auburn, N. Y., and in

Chicago he served as secretary of the Knights of Labor. He was business agent for the Shoemaker's Union of Chicago. He is a Republican, and fraternally is affiliated with Matteson Lodge, A. F. and A. M. No. 175, of which he is secretary; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. 127; Joliet Commandery K. T. No. 4; Ansar Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Springfield, Ill.; Masonic Veterans Association of Illinois; B. P. O. Elks, No. 296; Paul Revere Lodge, No. 271, K. P.; L. O. O. Moose, No. 300. He is a member of the Chicago Motor Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Rival's Club, the Irving Club, the Isaac Walton League, and the Sons of Veterans. He holds membership in the Episcopal Church.

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**Paul G. Schoene**, president of the Will County Hotel Company, and manager of the well known Woodruff Hotel, Joliet, is a representative business man of that city. He was born in Crimmitschau, Saxony, Germany, May 30, 1884, a son of Herman and Augusta (Buschner) Schoene.

Herman Schoene and his wife were both natives of Saxony. When a young man he learned the woolen business and for many years operated a modern woolen factory, which business was originally established by his forefathers. He now lives retired in Crimmitschau. His wife is deceased. They were the parents of nine children: Paul G., the subject of this sketch; Martha, married Walter Sthueler, lives at Joliet; Anna, the widow of Otto Langsch, lives at Chicago; Fannie, married Joseph Binder, lives at Evanston, Ill.; Louise, resides in Saxony, Germany; Clara, married Karl Knier, lives in Saxony; Fred, lives at Orange, N. J.; Helen, deceased; and Marie, lives in Saxony. The family are members of the German Lutheran Church.

Paul G. Schoene was educated in the public schools of his native land, after which he entered a trade school and learned the tanner's trade. He served his compulsory military training of two years, and in 1907 came to the United States, landing in New York City. He immediately went west as far as Chicago where he began his business career as a hotel and restaurant keeper. He had charge of the grill room of the Atlantic Hotel, Chicago, and later leased the Lincoln Turner Hall in Chicago, which he conducted for five years. He then made a tour of

Europe which lasted a year. He returned to Chicago and purchased stock in the Will County Hotel Company and removed to Joliet in July, 1922, and, was made president and also manager of this company. On Aug. 1st of that year he opened his catering department. In 1926 Mr. Schoen again toured Europe as a member of the American Hotel Mens Association.

On June 1, 1914, Mr. Schoene was married to Miss Anna Guendert, a daughter of Conrad Guendert, a native of Germany where he now resides. Mrs. Schoene was born in Germany and came to the United States in 1908, locating at Chicago.

Mr. Schoene, who is a Republican, is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Country Club of Joliet, Rotary Club, Chicago Sharpshooters' Club, and Steuben Club of Chicago. He belongs to Lessing Lodge, A. F. and A. M.; Lincoln Park Chapter, R. A. M.; Chicago Commandery, K. T.; Medinah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Medinah Athletic Club; B. P. O. Elks, No. 296; and Knights of Pythias. He is a member of the Illinois State Hotel Association and American Hotel Association.

Mr. Schoene has always been interested in music and is a member of the Swiss Singing Society, and Harmony Singing Society of Chicago, also of the Lincoln Turner's Society. He and his wife are members of the Universalist Church.

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**William H. Oliver.**—One of the most representative business men of Joliet, William H. Oliver, has discharged ably the many duties devolving upon him through the responsibilities he has assumed; and today stands deservedly high in public confidence and esteem. The popular and modern Oliver Hotel was founded by him in 1925 and stands as a testimonial to his public spirit and enterprise. He is a son of Capt. Stephen A. and Caroline A. (Laskey) Oliver, and was born in Chicago, Ill., Aug. 5, 1879.

The Oliver family were a prominent and distinguished family of Lynn, Mass., in the early days. The paternal grandfather of Mr. Oliver, was Edwin H. Oliver, who was born in Lynn, Mass. He was engaged in the manufacture of shoes. He was postmaster of Lynn for many years and represented his district in congress. He married Mary E.

Sanderson, a native of Salem, Mass. Their son, Stephen A. Oliver, was born at Lynn, Mass., on Feb. 28, 1838. In early life he became associated with his father's business in which he continued until the outbreak of the Civil War, when he enlisted in the Eighth Massachusetts State Militia, on April 15, 1861. He served his three month's enlistment, then reenlisted in 1862, serving in the same original company and regiment. He was with the Army of the Potomac and in North Carolina during that period, and was with the reserves at the Battle of Gettysburg in 1863. At the expiration of his second enlistment he returned to his old home and again engaged in the manufacture of shoes. In 1878 he removed to Chicago where he was associated with the firm of Phelps, Dodge & Palmer, shoe manufacturers. In 1882 Mr. Oliver came to Joliet as superintendent of the shoe factory at the state prison for Selz, Schwab & Company. He resigned this position in 1885 to engage in the real estate business with A. C. Clement which partnership lasted one year. He then engaged in the real estate business for himself and built up one of the largest real estate and insurance concerns in the county. On Oct. 2, 1863, Stephen A. Oliver was married to Carrie A. Laskey, a native of Salem, Mass. Mrs. Oliver died Dec. 31, 1909, and he died Jan. 16, 1910. Both are buried in Elmhurst Cemetery, Joliet. Mr. Oliver was the first commander of the G. A. R. Post in Joliet, and was senior vice-department commander in New Hampshire. Fraternally he was affiliated with the Blue Lodge of Masonry, Royal Arch Mason, and was a life member of Apollo Commandery, K. T. No. 1. Mr. Oliver was a worthy citizen and commanded the esteem and confidence of all. Capt. Stephen A. and Carrie A. (Laskey) Oliver were the parents of two children: 1. Lizzie J., born Feb. 7, 1866, married H. Fred Humphrey, reside at St. Petersburg, Florida. He was born in 1864, and for many years was a prominent manufacturer of foundry supplies at Joliet. 2. William H. Oliver, the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Oliver's early education was acquired in the public schools of Joliet, graduating from the high school in 1899. After leaving school he entered the employ of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railroad in the engineering corps, and was later with the Chicago and Alton Railroad as assistant engineer. He resigned in 1906 to enter the employ of the First National Bank at Joliet as a bookkeeper where he spent one year.

In 1907 he entered his father's office. In 1908 the Oliver Realty Company was incorporated, and William H. Oliver became president. In 1915 he sold his interest, but the firm still continues in business as one of the largest real estate and insurance brokerage houses in Joliet.

During the time Mr. Oliver was in the real estate business he supervised the building of the Morris block which was rebuilt in 1908; supervised the building of the Woodruff Inn in 1914-1915. In 1915 Mr. Oliver and Robert McRobert operated the Woodruff Inn. In 1917 he sold his interest in same to Mr. McRobert. He then went on a trip to South America but when the United States entered the World War he returned and served one year in the Department of Justice at Chicago. In December, 1919, Mr. Oliver assumed the vice presidency of the First National Bank of Braidwood, Ill., and the Commercial National Bank of Wilmington, Ill., serving in this capacity until 1922 when he returned to the Oliver Realty Company.

In 1925 Mr. Oliver built the Oliver Hotel on the site of the old homestead of George Woodruff. This hotel was incorporated Dec. 31, 1925, and Mr. Oliver elected president. Mrs. R. M. Oliver is secretary and treasurer. The hotel contains 102 rooms and has bungalows built on the roof.

In 1920 Mr. Oliver was married to Miss Ruth Marie Kobliska, a daughter of John and Mary Kobliska.

Mr. Oliver is a member of Mount Joliet Lodge, A. F. and A. M., No. 42; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. No. 27; Joliet Commandery, K. T. No. 4; Medinah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Medinah Athletic Club; and the Illinois Hotel Men's Association. Politically Mr. Oliver is a Republican. Both he and his wife are members of the Central Presbyterian Church.

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**David E. Field**, attorney at law and vice president of the Stern State Bank, is a well known citizen of Joliet. He was born in the City of Grosswardein, Hungary, on April 29, 1889.

He was educated in the public schools and a technical school of his native land and came to the United States, to Joliet, where he engaged for five years in architectural and mechanical engineering, and at the same time, took special studies and examinations and was graduated

from the public schools and the Joliet Township High School of Joliet, in 1910, after which he entered the Law School of the University of Michigan, receiving his degree of LL. B. in 1913, and was admitted to the Michigan and Illinois State Bars.

After graduation he became associated with the well known law firm of Alshuler, Putnam and James, of Aurora, Ill., after two years he returned to Joliet and established his own office, and was admitted to practice in the Federal Courts.

For some years he was a director of the Stern State Bank, of Joliet, and in 1926 became the active vice president of said institution.

In 1914, Mr. Field was united in marriage with Miss Sadie Stern, a daughter of Ludwig and Rose (Stiglitz) Stern, of their marriage one daughter, Rosalind, was born.

Mr. Field is a member of the Will County and the American Bar Associations, and is affiliated with Matteson Lodge A. F. and A. M. No. 175 and the University of Michigan Alumni Association.

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**Fred S. Pratt.**—Prominent in the business affairs of Joliet, Ill., and descended from a sterling English family whose first citizen here came generations ago, and the son of a former fine citizen, Norman S. Pratt, who was interested in business enterprises in Plainfield, and who is further mentioned in another biography, Fred S. Pratt was born in Plainfield, Ill., Aug. 29, 1883.

The present branch of the Pratt family was founded in America by Thomas and Susanna Pratt. He was born in England in 1618 and sailed for the United States on a ship called the America, commanded by Capt. William Barker, on June 23, 1635. They first settled in Watertown, Mass., removing to Framingham, Mass., in 1674. He died in 1692. His son, John Pratt, also had a son, John Pratt, Jr. John Pratt, Jr., married Bethsheba Fay, a daughter of Captain John Fay. They were married in 1716 and their son, Ensign Ezekial Pratt, married in 1740 Molly Grant. Their son, Stephen Pratt, married Hannah Billings. They had a son, Elisha B., who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He married Clara Safford. They are buried in Bennington, Vt., the town being founded by the Pratts and four other families.



Samuel S. Pratt, who was born in Bennington, Vt., was a son of Elisha B. and Clara (Safford) Pratt. He married Esther A. Beckwith. They came to Illinois in 1834 and settled in Plainfield. He was a cabinet maker by trade and established the first furniture store in Plainfield, which he conducted for many years. He died Aug. 16, 1882, and is buried in Plainfield, Ill.

Norman S. Pratt was the son of Samuel S. and Esther A. (Beckwith) Pratt. He was born in Plainfield, Ill., June 1, 1849. At the age of 21 he engaged in the furniture business with his father, at a time when it was necessary to bring furniture from Chicago by wagon. He continued in that business for 22 years, retiring in 1893. On Oct. 31, 1871, he was married to Miss Bessie Southwick. They had one son, Fred S., the subject of this sketch. Mr. Pratt died Aug. 2, 1923, and his wife died March 8, 1907. They are both buried in Plainfield, Ill. He was a Republican in politics and served for 18 years on the village board of aldermen of Plainfield, and was chairman of the committee which installed the present water system there. He joined the Congregational Church when a young boy and maintained this affiliation until his death. He was an excellent citizen and highly esteemed member of the community.

Fred S. Pratt attended the public schools of Plainfield and was graduated from the high school in 1901. He started his business career as a clerk in the general store of his uncle, A. T. Corbin. In 1905 he came to Joliet and was employed as a salesman by McHugh and Schoenstedt, clothiers, and lived at Plainfield. From 1907 until 1916 he specialized in advertising and mercantile display, in conjunction with progressive merchandising in men's wear. In 1916 he formed a partnership with O. H. Tesdall. They purchased the L. A. Raub Clothing Company business which was located corner of Jefferson and Ottawa Streets. They remodeled the store in 1916, and again in 1924, doubling the clothing department. This store has been in operation for over 50 years as a clothing center. In 1909 Mr. Pratt took a course at the Koester School of Mercantile Display and Advertising, at Chicago, from which he graduated. Mr. Pratt in addition to buying and selling activities prepares all the newspaper and personal mail advertising copy. In 1925 a shoe department was added to the business, and this firm was the

first store to adopt the "Ten-Pay-Plan" of selling fine clothing. Tesdall Pratt & Co. have offices at 230 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

On Oct. 18, 1904, Mr. Pratt was married to Miss Orva L. Hartong, a daughter of Franklin and Eliza (Sencenbaugh) Hartong, natives of Will County, Ill. Both are deceased and are buried in Plainfield, Ill., a sketch of whom appears in this history. To Mr. and Mrs. Pratt two daughters have been born: Orva Bessie, born Aug. 18, 1922; and Freda E., born Dec. 1, 1924.

Mr. Pratt, who was born in the same house his father was born in, still makes his home in Plainfield. In 1926-27 he and his wife designed and built a very modern home which is named "Pratt Place."

Mr. Pratt is a Republican and a member of the Congregational Church. His fraternal associations are those of Plainfield Lodge, A. F. and A. M. No. 536, of which he was worshipful master in 1915-1916; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. No. 27; Joliet Commandery, K. T. No. 4; Modern Woodmen of America. He is a member of the Joliet Chamber of Commerce and a director of the Illinois Retail Clothiers and Furnishers Association.

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George R. Hill is a well known and highly respected business man of Joliet, where he was born Feb. 1, 1868, the son of Samuel and Helena F. (Ryan) Hill.

The Hills were of Irish descent, many serving in the British Navy, in which one Alfred Hill was a paymaster. Samuel Hill was born in County Meath, Ireland, in 1830. He came to the United States in 1855 and located at St. Peters, Minn., where he took up a government claim consisting of 160 acres of land. He built a log cabin, remained one year, and sold his claim and removed to Minooka, Ill., where he engaged in farming until 1861, when he located at Joliet. Here he engaged in the mercantile business with his brother, John Wesley Hill. During this time the Civil War was in progress and Samuel Hill drilled troops in Minooka, having had experience in this line in Ireland where he was a member of the Irish constabulary. His wife, Helena F. (Ryan) Hill, was born in Mallow, Ireland, in 1829 and came to the United States in 1855, locating at Joliet. They were married in this city in 1859, and to them



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three children were born: John William, who died in 1900, and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Joliet; George R., the subject of this sketch; and Maude F., who married John B. Mecham, an attorney, Joliet. Samuel Hill died in 1883 and his wife in 1893. Both are buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Joliet.

Samuel Hill was the son of Thomas Hill, a farmer, who spent his entire life in Ireland. His children were: John W., Samuel, Robert, Rebecca, Susan, and Deborah, who all came to the United States. Another son, Joseph, remained in Ireland.

Helena F. Ryan was a daughter of John Ryan, a representative of the Stewart Company of New York, who lived his entire life in Ireland. His children were: John, Matilda, Mary, Margaret, Dora, and Helena, who all came to America. A son, Thomas, a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, became a tutor to rich young men in Ireland. Later he joined the British Army and died at Aden, Arabia.

George R. Hill attended the public and high schools of Joliet. His first employment was as bookkeeper for the Wilcox Bros. Lumber and Carriage dealers, where he remained for 16 years. In 1902 he purchased the branch lumber yard of the Wilcox Brothers, located at Plainfield, Ill., and it was known as the George R. Hill Lumber Company for seven years, when he disposed of the business. In 1909 he purchased the Whipple & Barr, grain and lumber business, located in Plainfield, Ill., and at Frontenac, Ill., which he sold in 1910 and removed to Joliet, where he established the George R. Hill real estate business with offices in the Joliet National Bank Building. He also added insurance to his other activities. In 1928 he removed to his present office, in the Monroe Building on Scott Street. Mr. Hill is also extensively interested in building and has a large display of the most modern and attractive building plans. He has built some of the most unique homes in the Farragut district, and he has recently acquired the services of Mr. E. Palmer Potter, of Milwaukee, a designer and builder, and a crew of twenty men are now engaged in building three stone residences and a golf Club House for the new Crystal Lawns Golf Club.

Mr. Hill is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church in which he is a steward. He is prominent in Masonic circles being a member of Matteson Lodge, A. F. & A. M. No. 175; Joliet Chapter,

R. A. M. No. 27; Joliet Council, R. and S. M. M.; Joliet Commandery, K. T. No. 4; Ansar Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and Eastern Star. He is also a member of the Kiwanis Club, Chamber of Commerce, Joliet Real Estate Board, Isaac Walton League, Joliet Riding Club, Joliet Musical Association, Will County Historical Society, Chicago Motor Club, secretary of the Morning Star Mission, and a director in the George C. Peterson Company.

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**Arthur C. Leach**, president of Leach Brothers, Inc., is among the prominent business executives of Joliet. He was born on a farm near Gardner, Ill., Feb. 4, 1879, the son of Henry and Ione (Howland) Leach. A complete sketch of Henry Leach appears elsewhere in this history.

Just before his graduation from the Joliet High School in 1898, Arthur C. Leach enlisted in the U. S. Army and served in Company B, Third Illinois Infantry, as a corporal. He saw service in Porto Rico and participated in the capture of Arroyo and Gayamo. He was discharged from the service in February, 1899, and upon his return to Joliet became interested in his father's business. Mr. Leach became a member of the firm in 1901 and in 1911 together with Howard E. Leach, purchased their father's interests when the elder Mr. Leach retired. In 1928 this well established business was incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, with the following officers: Arthur C. Leach, president; Howard Leach, vice president and treasurer; and Paul H. Leach, secretary.

Mr. Leach is a Republican and served as a member of the city council for three terms until May, 1928. He was president of the school board of Joliet, having been elected to that office in 1924. He holds membership in St. John's Universalist Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge, Rotary Club, Joliet Country Club, and United Spanish War Veterans. He served as first president of the Chamber of Commerce and is president of the Oakwood Cemetery Association. During the World War Mr. Leach was chairman of the Liberty Loan Drive in Joliet.

In 1902 Mr. Leach married Miss Elsie Elwood, the daughter of Captain James G. and Margaret (Pearce) Elwood. They have two daughters: Ione, married to Edward R. Davis, Jr., banker, lives in Chi-

cago Heights, Ill., and they have a daughter, Nancy; and Margaret L., attends the University of Illinois.

James G. Elwood was born at Lockport, Ill., in 1839. He was educated in the public and private schools of Joliet and attended the Collegiate and Commercial Military School of New Haven, Conn., from which he graduated in 1857. While there he served as first sergeant and later captain. He then studied in Geneva, Switzerland, for one year, and also attended the Frederick William University of Berlin, Germany. Upon his return to Joliet he attended Bryant & Stratton's Commercial College, and then entered the law and real estate firm of Parks & Elwood. In 1862 he enlisted in the army. He organized Company B, 100th Illinois Infantry and was commissioned as its captain. He participated in the battle of Perrysville and Murfreesboro. Promotion made him acting assistant adjutant general of the First Brigade, First Division, Twenty-first Corps. He resigned in November, 1863, and returned to Joliet. Mr. Elwood became a broker on the Chicago-Cincinnati Board of Trade in 1866 and soon afterward established a milling business at Matteson, Ill. In 1870 he returned to Joliet and conducted a real estate business. In 1880 he built the first telephone exchange in Joliet with ex-Mayor Paige and he was also instrumental in establishing the city water works, serving as treasurer, general manager, and director. In 1881 he became secretary of the Joliet Gas Company, and from 1888 until 1896 was its manager. In 1877 in partnership with Judge Parks he erected the First National Bank Building. He was a director of the Will County National Bank and the Oakwood Cemetery Association. Mr. Elwood was a Republican and was the first mayor of Joliet under the present city charter in 1877. He was chairman of the board of county supervisors for two years, superintendent of the poor, and served as postmaster of Joliet from 1898 until 1902. He was a member of Matteson Lodge, A. F. and A. M.; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M.; Joliet Council; and Joliet Commandery. He served as grand commander of the Grand Commandery of Illinois and for 12 years was representative of the Grand Commandery of New York and Illinois. He was a member of the Loyal Legion and Bartleson Post No. 6, Grand Army of the Republic, and senior vice commander of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion.

James G. Elwood was the son of Nelson D. and Juliet L. (Parks) Elwood. Nelson D. Elwood, pioneer railroad builder of Northern Illinois, was born in Otsego County, N. Y., in 1818, the son of Daniel Elwood. When eight years of age he was left an orphan and spent his early business life in a clerical capacity at Lockport, N. Y. In 1837 he came to Illinois where he became an engineer on the Illinois and Michigan Canal. During the winter months he taught school and in 1843 he was elected county clerk. He was later admitted to the Will County bar and was associated with Judge Parks. He was one of the founder of the Chicago & Rock Island Railroad Company of which he served as secretary for many years. With Governor Joel A. Matteson he was the originator of the division of the Chicago & Mississippi Railroad between Joliet and Alton. In 1856 he built the Northern Indiana Railroad. Mr. Elwood served as mayor of Joliet for two terms and also as secretary of the Illinois State Penitentiary Commission. He was a member of Christ Episcopal Church and was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Illinois and Deputy Grand Commander, 33rd degree Masons.

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**Henry Leach.**—One of the most influential figures in business and civic circles in Will County was Henry Leach, deceased, who for 27 years was president of the board of directors of Silver Cross Hospital, Joliet, as well as the founder of the Leach lumber interests in this city. He was born in Kendall County, Ill., Aug. 13, 1845, the son of the late Henry Leach.

Henry Leach was six years of age when his father died. He was educated in the public schools and in 1866 was graduated from Fowler Institute. After his marriage in 1869 he removed to a farm near Chatsworth, Ill., where he lived until 1875. From that date until 1887 he was located on a farm at Gardner, spent the following three years in the lumber business at Gardner, and in 1890 came to Joliet, where he organized the lumber business now incorporated as Leach Brothers. Mr. Leach retired from active business in 1910 and devoted his time to his Will and Grundy county farm interests. He was a member of the original Joliet Township High School Board and instrumental in build-



ing the present high school. He served on the school board for nine years, being its president for one term. After his 27 years of service as president of the Silver Cross hospital board, he resigned his active duties in 1924, and at that time was elected president emeritus. He died in October, 1924.

In 1869 Mr. Leach married Miss Ione C. Howland. To them were born five sons: Henry, optician, lives at Joliet; Howard, vice president and treasurer of Leach Brothers, Inc., lives at Joliet; Dr. Roy B., physician, lives at Joliet; Arthur C., president of Leach Brothers, Inc., lives at Joliet; and Elmer, lives at Beaumont, Texas.

Mr. Leach was affiliated with Matteson Lodge A. F. and A. M. No. 175; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. No. 27; Joliet Commandery, K. T. No. 4; Commercial Club; Oakwood Cemetery Association; and Association of Commerce. He was a trustee of St. John's Universalist Church.

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**William H. Heun**, general manager of the Chicago & Joliet Electric Railway Company, is one of the leading citizens of Joliet, where he has lived for many years. He was born at Somonauk, DeKalb County, Ill., Dec. 22, 1863, the son of William and M. (Sartoris) Heun.

William Heun, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War and an early settler of Illinois. He was born in Germany and in 1853 emigrated to the United States. For a short time he lived in New York, but later removed to DeKalb County, where he followed his trade as a cabinet maker. He became well known as a furniture dealer and funeral director. Throughout the Civil War he saw active service and after the close of the war returned to Somonouk, where he resumed his business. In 1885 the family removed to Aurora, Ill., where Hr. Heun died in 1912. His wife, also a native of Germany, died in 1866, and is buried at Somonauk. Mr. Heun was a Republican, a member of the German Lutheran Church and belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic. There were seven children in the Heun family as follows: Matilda, the widow of L. W. Smith, lives at Aurora, Ill.; Celia, lives at Rockford, Ill.; Maud, married J. H. Miller, lives at Rockford, Ill.; Richard, lives at Fort Dodge, Iowa; Albert, lives at Aurora; William H., the subject of this sketch; and Emil, deceased.

After completing his schooling at Somonauk, William H. Heun learned the printers' trade and for eight years was thus employed in Chicago and Aurora. In 1892 he came to Joliet, where he entered the employ of the Chicago and Joliet system as a conductor. He was soon called into the office and made time keeper and assistant cashier. Later he was appointed cashier. In 1904 Mr. Heun was promoted to superintendent of transportation, and served in that capacity for 23 years, being appointed to his present position as general manager of the company on Oct. 10, 1927.

In 1890 Mr. Heun was united in marriage with Miss Marion S. Snook, the daughter of Albert and Cornelius Snook, of Aurora, Ill. Mr. Snook, deceased, was a prominent citizen and attorney of Aurora, Ill. His wife is also deceased. Their son, Albert M. Snook, is the president of the Aurora-Beacon Publishing Company, at Aurora, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Heun have two daughters: Lucile, married Frank Paull, assistant cashier of the Aurora National Bank, and they have two children, Frances, and William Heun Paull; and Cornelia, married Rex L. Carey, chief draftsman of the Heggie Manufacturing Company, Joliet. They have two children, Robert Heun and Meryln.

Mr. Heun has always been a Republican. He is a member of the Universalist Church, Matteson Lodge, A. F. and A. M. No. 175; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. No. 27; Joliet Commandery, K. T. No. 4; Kiwanis Club; and Chamber of Commerce. He belongs to the American Electric Railway Association and the Illinois Electric Railway Association.

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**Alfred Joseph Keig.**—One of the younger attorneys practicing at the bar of Joliet, and an able exponent of the dignity of his profession, is Alfred Joseph Keig. He was born June 9, 1893, at Romeoville, Ill., a son of John and Margaret (McHugh) Keig.

John Keig was born in the Isle of Man, England. He began his business career as a salesman for an English firm. He married Margaret McHugh, who was born in Tume, County Galway, Ireland, after coming to the United States, and they are now living retired at Lockport, Ill. Mr. Keig is a staunch Republican in politics. To Mr. and Mrs. Keig five children were born: Robert, manager of the Kirby Lum-

ber Company, Silsbee, Texas; Marshall, served in the U. S. Signal Corps during the World War, lives at Chicago; Mabel, married Charles Dyer, lives at Cleveland, Ohio; Ruth K., married Newton Rich, lives at Dallas, Tex.; and Alfred Joseph, the subject of this sketch.

Alfred Joseph Keig attended the public schools of Lockport and graduated from high school in 1911. He attended Knox College, at Galesburg, Ill., for two years, after which he taught one year at St. John's Military Academy, Salina, Kan. Subsequently he entered the Law School of Northwestern University, taking his degree of Bachelor of Laws from that institution in the class of 1919. He was then admitted to the Illinois State Bar in October, 1919, and later was admitted to practice in the Federal Courts. He practiced his profession in Chicago and in February, 1926, removed to Joliet, Ill., where he carries on a general law practice, with offices at 506 Morris Building.

While attending high school, Mr. Keig learned telegraphy, and held a part time position as operator while attending Knox College. During his course at Northwestern University he was an editor for the International News Service.

On Sept. 5, 1917, Mr. Keig enlisted for service during the World War and was sent to Urbana, Ill., where he attended the ground school of the Aviation section of the Signal Corps. He was transferred to Rich Field, Waco, Texas, and assigned to the training school and commissioned a second lieutenant. He was at Fort Sill, Okla., where he took a course in Reconnoissance, after which he became an instructor in aerial gunnery at Taliaferro Field, Hicks, Tex., and was also adjutant of the training school. He received his pilot's license for flying and was honorably discharged from the service, Feb. 21, 1919. Mr. Keig still pilots a machine.

In 1921 Mr. Keig was married to Miss Ruth Alice Dow, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Gund) Dow. Mr. Dow is deceased. His widow married John Walter and they reside in Lockport, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Keig have four children: Alfred Joseph, Jr., born June 18, 1922; Ruth Alice, born Oct. 29, 1923; John Dow McHugh, born Jan. 29, 1925; and Walter Peter, born Feb. 18, 1927.

Mr. Keig is a Republican in politics. He is affiliated with Lockport Lodge, A. F. and A. M. No. 537; Loyal Order of Moose; and B. P. O. E. Elks, No. 296. He is a member of the Will County Bar Association;

John Olsen Post, No. 12, of Lockport, Ill.; "40 and 8" Society; Beta Theta Phi; Delta Theta Phi; Chamber of Commerce, Lockport, Ill.; and the Joliet Chamber of Commerce.

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**Jane A. (Richards) Shreeve**, president of the Shreeve Realty Company, real estate, insurance and loans, with offices at 202 and 203 Morris Building, Joliet, is a native of this city, where she was born Dec. 13, 1873. She is a daughter of James and Charlotte (Jones) Richards.

James Richards and his wife were both natives of Merthyr-Tydfil, South Wales, Great Britain, where they were married in 1872, and emigrated to America in that year. In Wales he worked as a rail straightener and upon locating in Joliet worked in the "Old Rolling Mill," now the Illinois Steel Company, and was one of the first employes engaged in that work. He remained with this company until he retired. He died in November, 1914. Mrs. Richards died in April, 1902, and they are both buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Joliet. He was a Republican and a member of Christ's Church, Episcopal. To Mr. and Mrs. Richards four children were born: Jane A., the subject of this sketch; Charlotte, resides with Mrs. Shreeve; Mary E., married John Peel, lives at Joliet; and James, Jr., deceased.

Jane A. Richards was educated in the public schools of Joliet and graduated from Squires Business College. She commenced her business career on June 20, 1891, as a stenographer in the office of Bischmann, Loughran & Company, later Loughran & Schoenstedt where she remained until 1898. In 1900 she returned to their employ, Mr. August Schoenstedt purchasing the business interest of Mr. Loughran, the firm then being known as August Schoenstedt Insurance, Real Estate and Loans.

Mrs. Shreeve became office manager, later purchasing a one-half interest in the business, the firm then being known as the A. Schoenstedt Agency. She conducted the business almost entirely as Mr. Schoenstedt was ill, and after his death in 1911, she purchased Mrs. Schoenstedt's interest, since which time she has been sole owner. On April 1, 1922, the company was incorporated as the Jane A. Shreeve Agency, Inc., with Mrs. Shreeve, president, and Julius Braun, secretary



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and treasurer. In April 1928, the firm name was changed to the Shreeve Realty Co.

Jane A. Richards was married on Oct. 19, 1898, to John C. Shreeve, who was born Oct. 6, 1871, a son of James and Jane (Davis) Shreeve. James Shreeve was born in England. He came to the United States and worked in Joliet a number of years as an engineer in the "Old Rolling Mill." He is deceased and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Joliet. His wife, who was born in Merthyr-Tydfil, South Wales, died Dec. 24, 1925, and is buried there where she resided her entire life.

John C. Shreeve is Master Mechanic for the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway. He is a member of Matteson Lodge, A. F. & A. M. No. 175; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. No. 27; Joliet Commandery, K. T. No. 4; and Medina Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

Mrs. Shreeve is a Republican, a member of Christ Episcopal Church, the Women's Republican Club, Business and Professional Women's Club. She was one of the organizers and first treasurer of the Woman's Club of Joliet. She is also a member of the Joliet Real Estate Board. She has served as Past Matron, Marguerite Chapter, No. 187, Order of the Eastern Star; and is a member of the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, and the Joliet Chamber of Commerce.

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**Alois A. Offerman.**—Both as a member of the legal profession and as a solid citizen, Alois A. Offerman stands high in public esteem at Joliet. He was born in Troy Township, Will County, Ill., Aug. 17, 1885, the son of Henry and Theresa (Pfleger) Offerman.

Henry Offerman, deceased, was born in 1852, in Prussia, Germany, near the Luxemburg line. He came to the United States in 1873 and settled in Joliet, Ill. He married Theresa Pfleger, who was born at Joliet, and she survives him and still resides at Joliet. Mr. Offerman was a farmer in Plainfield Township, later removing to Troy Township where he was a successful farmer for many years. In 1893 he removed to Joliet Township where he lived retired until his death, which occurred April 15, 1919. He served as school director of Joliet Township. He was a member of St. John's Catholic Church, and the Western Catholic

Union. To Mr. and Mrs. Offerman eleven children were born. 1. Alois A., the subject of this sketch. 2. Henry J., deceased, buried in St. Joseph's cemetery, Watervliet, Mich. 3. Joseph H., Cicero, Ill. 4. Lawrence A., World War veteran, served in France, Joliet. 5. Albert P., served with the 2nd Engineers in France; was gassed and shell shocked during war. Served in five battles, lives at Joliet. 6. Theresa J., at home. 7. Leo M., Joliet, World War veteran, served in France with 2nd Engineers. He was in five battles and was wounded. Also was with the Army of Occupation. 8. Delphina A., at home. 9. George E. Joliet. 10. Marie, married Charles J. Myler, Joliet. 11. Celia J., at home.

Alois A. Offerman was reared on his father's farm and attended the public schools of Joliet Township and St. John's Parochial School. During his summer vacations he learned telegraphy in the Santa Fe Railroad offices, at which he worked later as an operator before entering college. He graduated from DePaul Preparatory College in 1915, and from the Law School of DePaul University in 1918 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. That year he established his office in Joliet, and is located at 414 Joliet National Bank Building.

In 1918 Mr. Offerman enlisted in the U. S. Army and served in the Officers Training School at DePaul University until December 16, 1918, when he was discharged.

Alois A. Offerman married, July 29, 1924, Miss Mary A. McGowan, who was born in Wilton Township, Will County, a daughter of Patrick F. and Theresa (Dwyer) McGowan. Mr. McGowan was born in Wilton Township and followed agriculture until he retired. Mrs. McGowan was born in Braidwood, Ill. They now reside in Joliet. Mr. and Mrs. Offerman have a son, Donald A., born March 26, 1926, and a daughter, Mary Frances, born April 13, 1928.

Mr. Offerman is a member of the Will County Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, Joliet Council, 382; B. P. O. Elks, 296; American Legion, Harwood Post, No. 5; and the Chamber of Commerce. He takes an active interest in all civic affairs. He was elected to the Board of School Inspectors in 1922, and reelected in 1925; again in 1928, and is now president of the Joliet City School Board. The family are members of St. John's Catholic Church.



**Clarence F. Lauer** is one of the progressive business men of Joliet, where he is secretary and treasurer of the Zero Ice Company. He was born near Symerton, Will County, Ill., Jan. 6, 1883, a son of Lewis H. and Eliza (Kreimeier) Lauer.

Lewis H. Lauer was born in Canton, Ohio. His parents were John and Minnie (Schwartz) Lauer, natives of Germany. They are deceased and buried in Des Plaines Cemetery, Joliet. They came to Will County, Ill., when Lewis H. Lauer was two years of age. He was reared on his father's farm and attended the country schools. He continued farming in Will County until 1906 when he retired and moved to Joliet, where he now resides. He is a Republican and a member of the Evangelical Church. His wife, who was born near Manhattan, Will County, died in 1896, and is buried in Providence Ridge Cemetery. To Mr. and Mrs. Lewis H. Lauer seven children were born: Clarence F., the subject of this sketch; Alvin, superintendent of the Pullman shops, New Orleans, La.; Walter, World War veteran who served in France, garage owner, Joliet; Nellie, married Parke Bailey, lives at Stockton, Ill.; Lester, manager The Underwriters Laboratories, Pittsburgh, Pa., a World War veteran, who served in France; Fred, Joliet; and Edwin, Plainfield, Ill.

Clarence F. Lauer attended the public schools and in 1903 graduated from the Metropolitan Business College, Joliet. He worked in the Joliet post office until 1916 when he resigned as chief clerk to become secretary and treasurer of the Zero Ice Company.

In 1916 Mr. Lauer was married to Miss Jennie Templeton, a daughter of John and Delilah (Blaine) Templeton. Mr. Templeton was a carpenter by trade. Both he and his wife are deceased and are buried in Willard Grove Cemetery, Minooka, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Lauer have two sons: Arthur, born in 1920, a student; and Donald, born in 1924.

Mr. Lauer is a Republican. Fraternally he is affiliated with Mount Joliet Lodge, A. F. and A. M. No. 42, of which he is an honored past master 1924; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. No. 27, Past High Priest in 1911; Joliet Council, R. and S. M. No. 82, Past Master in 1924; Joliet Commandery, K. T. No. 4, Past Commander 1912; Oriental Consistory, Valley of Chicago, 32nd degree, A. A. S. R.; Medinah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and K. P., Joliet Lodge No. 532. On Sept. 15, 1925, Mr. Lauer was made a thirty-third degree Mason, Supreme Council of the North-

ern Masonic Jurisdiction. He also belongs to the Shrine Club of Joliet; Hamilton Club of Chicago; Rotary Club of Joliet; Chamber of Commerce; Board of Directors of the Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Lauer is County Central Committeeman of the Ninth Precinct of Joliet, and is treasurer of that body. He belongs to the Methodist Church in which he is serving as trustee and chairman of the finance committee.

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**F. E. Roberg, M. D.**—One of the foremost physicians and surgeons of Joliet is Dr. Roberg, a veteran of the World War, who is serving as president of the Will County Medical Society. He was born in Chicago, Ill., May 15, 1882, the son of O. B. and Christina (Anderson) Roberg.

Both O. B. Roberg and his wife were natives of Sweden. After their marriage they came to the United States in 1869 and settled in Chicago, where Mr. Roberg established a carriage painting and fine lettering business for many years. He later became secretary and treasurer of the Mission Friends Publishing Company of Chicago. After his retirement from business he removed to Hood River, Ore., and later to Portland, where he died. His wife is also deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Roberg were the parents of the following children: Philip B., ranch owner of Hood River, Ore., lives at Portland; O. Theodore, M. D., chief surgeon of the Swedish Covenant Hospital, Chicago, is a World War veteran, having served as a major in the Medical Corps; Emma, lives at Portland, Ore.; F. E., the subject of this sketch; and David N., M. D., eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, San Diego, Calif, is a veteran of the World War having served in the Medical Corps with the rank of major.

F. E. Roberg attended the public schools of Chicago and in 1899 was graduated from North Division High School. He then served an enlistment in the U. S. Marine Corps. After his honorable discharge from the service he entered the University of Chicago from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1909. He graduated from Rush Medical College with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1911. He spent the following year as an interne in the Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, under Dr. Frank Billings, and in March, 1912, came to Joliet. Two years later Dr. Roberg took post graduate work in Vienna, Austria.

On June 8, 1917, he enlisted for service in the World War and was commissioned a first lieutenant in the U. S. Medical Corps and sent to Fort Benjamin Harrison. In December, 1917, he sailed for France where he was attached to the First Division as Division Medical Gas officer. He was later promoted to the rank of captain, and was discharged from the service May 30, 1919. In November he resumed his practice in Joliet. He now holds a commission as major in the U. S. Medical Reserve Corps.

Dr. Roberg is a Republican, and is affiliated with Matteson Lodge, F. and A. M. No. 175; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. No. 27; Joliet Council, R. and S. M. M.; Joliet Commandery, K. T. No. 4; Medinah Temple; B. P. O. Elks, No. 296; Knights of Pythias; American Legion, Harwood Post, No. 5; and the "40 and 8 Society." He also belongs to the American Medical Association of Vienna, Illinois State Medical Society, and American Medical Association. He is a member of the staff of St. Joseph's and Silver Cross hospitals, and is chairman of the Advisory Board of the Silver Cross Hospital.

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Daniel Lynch is a well known resident of Joliet, where he is identified with the American Wire & Steel Company as assistant superintendent of the Rockdale works. He is a native of Pennsylvania, born at Friendsville, March 3, 1873, the son of John and Margaret (Connell) Lynch.

John Lynch was a native of Ireland, as was his wife. At an early age he emigrated to the United States and settled at Friendsville, Pa. He drove a stage coach between Philadelphia and Scranton, Pa., before the Civil War and later was associated with the Thomas Iron Company as foreman of their mine, and was a construction foreman for the railroad built between Philadelphia and Bethlehem, Pa., which is a branch of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad. He and his wife are deceased and are buried at Bethlehem. Mr. Lynch was a Republican and a member of the Catholic Church. There were nine children in the Lynch family as follows: Catherine and John, both deceased; Hannah, the widow of Michael Lane, lives at Bethlehem, Pa.; Michael, lives at Pittsburgh, Calif.; Helen, married T. Kiranor, general agent for the Boston

and Maine Railroad, lives at Walpole, N. H.; William, retired, lives at Bethlehem, Pa.; Daniel, the subject of this sketch; Mary, married Fred Grube, lives at Bethlehem; and Timothy, lives at Bethlehem.

Daniel Lynch attended the public schools at Friendsville and in 1889 entered the employ of the Lehigh Zinc Company as an office boy. From 1893 until 1902 he was identified with the Iowa Barburie Company, Allentown, Pa.; from April, 1902, until the present time he has been connected with the American Wire and Steel Company in Joliet. He served in the capacity of foreman from 1902 until 1917, as general foreman from 1917 until 1918, and in January, 1918, he was promoted to his present responsible position as assistant superintendent.

In 1905 Mr. Lynch was united in marriage with Miss Bertha Brislen, the daughter of John Brislen, a well known resident of Allentown, Pa., now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Lynch have seven children: Margaret, a graduate of St. Charles School, lives at home; John, attends Urbana College; Mary Rose, Genevieve, Raymond, Helen, and Joseph, all students.

Mr. Lynch is a Republican, and a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

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**John F. Carey, M. D.**, one of the younger members of the medical profession at Joliet, is a well known citizen of the community. He was born at Braceville, Grundy County, Ill., May 10, 1897, the son of Dr. John F. and Mary (Campbell) Carey.

Dr. John F. Carey, deceased, was for many years a leading physician and surgeon of Grundy County. He was born in LaSalle County, Ill., where he spent his early life. He was graduated from the St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons and served as interne at Barnes Hospital, St. Louis. From 1896 until the time of his death, March 19, 1921, Dr. Carey engaged in practice at Braceville. He was a Democrat and served for many years as health officer of Grundy County. He was identified with the Grundy County, Illinois State, and American Medical Associations. He was a member of the Catholic Church. His widow resides at Joliet. To Doctor and Mrs. Carey were born five children: John F., the subject of this sketch; Campbell, physician, a graduate

of Northwestern University, now serving as interne at St. Luke's Hospital; Madee, attends the University of Iowa; Cecelia, a graduate of the University of Illinois, now a teacher in the public schools of Milwaukee, Wis.; and Gregory attends the University of Iowa.

John F. Carey was educated in the public schools of Braceville and in 1914 was graduated from Joliet Township High School. During 1915-16 he taught school at Wilton Center, Ill., and in 1917, was graduated from Junior College. He received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from Northwestern Medical College in 1921 and spent the following two years as an interne in Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago. He began his practice in Joliet in 1923 with offices in the Morris Building. Dr. Carey is a member of the staffs of the Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago; Wesley Hospital, Chicago; Passavant Hospital, Chicago; Silver Cross Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital, Joliet. He is an associate in pediatrics at Northwestern Medical School, and is identified with the Will County Medical Society, Illinois State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association.

In 1923 Dr. Carey was united in marriage with Miss Frances Powers, daughter of John and Elizabeth Powers of Chicago. They have two sons, John III, and Edwin.

Dr. Carey is a Republican, a member of St. Raymond's Catholic Church, and belongs to Nu Sigma Nu Fraternity, Joliet Country Club, and American Legion.

During the World War Dr. Carey was attached to the Student Army Training Corps.

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**John L. Carlson.**—A prominent figure in banking circles in Joliet is John L. Carlson, who is first vice president of the Will County National Bank. He was born in Sweden, March 24, 1868, the son of C. J. Carlson. C. J. Carlson spent his entire life in Sweden and is now deceased.

John L. Carlson obtained his education in the schools of his native land and in early youth was an apprenticed drug clerk. He came to the United States about 1884 and settled at Rockford, Ill. Later he entered Northwestern College of Pharmacy and began his professional drug work in Chicago. He located in Joliet in 1889 and for two years was

employed in the drug store of Dr. Dougall, at Cass and Collins streets. Mr. Carlson became sole proprietor of the business in 1891 and devoted his entire time to this business until February, 1920, at which time he retired from active business. He has been identified with the Will County National Bank as a director since 1901. He was elected second vice president of the institution in 1922 and later succeeded Dr. Folker as first vice president after the latter's death.

In 1898 Mr. Carlson was united in marriage with Miss Carrie Marsh, the daughter of Henry Marsh, of Joliet. Mr. Marsh, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War.

In politics Mr. Carlson has always been a Republican. He has served as a member of the county board of supervisors of Will County almost continuously since 1896, and has also been a member of the board of police and fire commissioners. He is affiliated with Matteson Lodge, A. F. and A. M. No. 175; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. No. 27; Joliet Commandery, K. T. No. 4; Medinah Temple, Chicago; and he also belongs to the Chamber of Commerce.

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Joseph A. Zerbes, justice of the peace, is recognized as one of the substantial citizens of Joliet, where he was born, Sept. 24, 1880. He is a son of Casper and Anna (Rademacher) Zerbes.

Casper Zerbes was born in Trier, Germany. He served in the German army during the Franco-Prussian War and emigrated to the United States in about 1873. He located first at Joliet and later purchased a farm in Plainfield Township, which he sold in 1904. He spent the following eight years in Kansas as a farmer and upon his return to Joliet in 1912, lived retired. He died in March, 1917, and is buried at Joliet. His wife, who died in 1882, was a native of Joliet Township. Mr. Zerbes was a Republican and a member of the Catholic Church. There were four children in the Zerbes family: Frank, a farmer, lives at Troy, Ill.; Eliabeth, married Henry Dwenger, lives at Joliet; Anna, married Frank Metzinger, lives at Caldwell, Kans.; and Joseph A., the subject of this sketch.

Joseph A. Zerbes attended the public schools of Plainfield, Ill., and spent his youth on his father's farm. He went to Kansas in 1904 but



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the following year returned to Joliet, where he successfully engaged in the real estate business until 1918, specializing in the sale of Western lands. Since 1918 he has been interested in the general insurance business, and also deals extensively in the sale of farm lands. He has offices in the Barber Building. In April, 1925, Mr. Zerbes was elected justice of the peace.

In June, 1906, Mr. Zerbes was united in marriage with Miss Angela Kraker, the daughter of Marcus and Jacobina (Gorgas) Kraker, the former a native of Australia, and the latter of Germany. Mr. Kraker was president of the Joliet Limestone Company. He died in October, 1924, and his wife died in 1922. They are buried at Joliet.

Mr. and Mrs. Zerbes have two daughters, Celia Rose and Anna.

Mr. Zerbes holds membership in the Catholic Church and belongs to the Eagles Lodge, Ariel No. 377, Lions Club, and Chamber of Commerce.

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**Roy B. Leach, M. D.**—An experienced physician and public spirited citizen, Dr. Roy B. Leach is numbered among the representative men of Joliet, and is one who has honorably won the position he holds in his profession. He was born at Gardner, Grundy County, Ill., Oct. 31, 1876, the son of Henry and Ione (Howland) Leach. A complete sketch of Henry Leach appears elsewhere in this history.

Roy B. Leach attended the grammar and high school of Gardner and Joliet, being graduated from Joliet High School in 1897. He then entered Rush Medical College in affiliation with University of Chicago, from which he received his degree as Doctor of Medicine in 1901. For a year thereafter he was interne at the Englewood Hospital, Chicago, and engaged in practice at Victoria, Mich., in 1902. The following year he came to Joliet where he has since engaged in private practice. He has taken post graduate work at Harvard University.

In 1903 Dr. Leach was married to Miss Edna Stevens, the daughter of R. B. and Olive (Cope) Stevens. The Stevens family settled at Pawnee, Neb., where Mr. Stevens was engaged in general farming for many years. Mr. Stevens died April 28, 1928, aged 92 years. His wife is deceased, having died at age of 47. To Dr. and Mrs. Leach have been born two sons: Robert, born Nov. 3, 1908, a graduate of Joliet

Township High School, attends Lombard College; and Arthur Clinton, born Aug. 2, 1913, attends Joliet Township High School.

Dr. Leach is a member of St. John's Universalist Church and is president of the Board of Trustees. He belongs to the Masonic Lodge, Joliet Country Club, and Rotary Club. He is a member of the Will County Medical Society, of which he has served as president, and he also belongs to the Illinois State Medical Society and American Medical Association. Dr. Leach is connected with the staffs of St. Joseph's Hospital and Silver Cross Hospital.

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**Leonard W. Braham**, farm adviser of Will County, is a veteran of the World War, and one of the most popular young men of Will County. He was born at Youngstown, Ohio, April 6, 1895, the son of Robert R. and Olive (Wilkin) Braham.

Both Robert Braham and his wife are natives of Butler County, Pa. He was educated in the public schools and attended Grove City College. He began his business career as field agent for the Manufacturers Light & Heat Company of Pittsburgh, and is still identified with this business. In 1911 Mr. Braham purchased a farm near New Wilmington, Pa., where he resides. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Braham the following children were born: Hall B., a World War veteran, having served with the 30th Engineers, at Fort Meyer, Va., where he died. He is buried at New Wilmington, Pa.; W. Walter, attorney, member of the firm of Aiken & Braham, New Castle, Pa., is a World War veteran, having served as a sergeant in the U. S. Medical Corps; Leonard W., the subject of this sketch; Eleanor J., married J. Glenn Berry, lives at Pittsburgh; Olive L., married Donald Crowe, lives at New Brighton, Pa.; Anna, deceased; Mary E., and Lillie I., both at home.

Leonard W. Braham attended the rural schools of Lawrence County, Pa., and in 1913 was graduated from New Wilmington High School. Four years later he received the degree of Bachelor of Science from Westminister College; and in June of that year he enlisted for service in the World War. He was attached to the Eleventh Field Artillery, Headquarters Company, Sixth Division and sent to Douglas, Ariz. He went

to France in 1918 and participated in the Meuse-Argonne offensive. Mr. Braham was enrolled at the University of Grenoble while serving in France. He was discharged from the service with the rank of corporal on July 24, 1919. In September he took up the teaching profession as principal of the school at Library, Pa. Two months later he entered Michigan Agricultural College where he specialized in the study of animal husbandry. In the fall of 1920 he entered the University of Illinois, from which he was graduated two years later with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. He then went to Hindsboro, Ill., where he was in charge of the department of agriculture in the Community High School. He came to Joliet in January, 1928, to accept his present position as farm adviser of Will County.

In August, 1923, Mr. Braham married Miss Agnes H. Little, the daughter of Joseph and Agnes Little, of Pittsburgh. They have two daughters, Betty Agnes and Mary Jane.

Mr. Braham is a member of the Presbyterian Church, belongs to the American Legion and Hindsboro Lodge, A. F. and A. M. No. 837. He is a member of the Farm Bureau.

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**Michael Freeman.** Among the old residents and highly respected citizens of Joliet, Michael Freeman is one of the best known. He was born at Vilna, Russia, in 1868, a son of Jacob and Rebecca (Ruzeitski) Freeman.

Jacob Freeman and his wife came to the United States in 1892 and settled in Chicago, where for many years he was engaged in the grocery business. In 1899 he removed to Joliet where he lived retired until his death. Both he and his wife are buried in Chicago, Ill. To Jacob and Rebecca (Ruzeitski) Freeman five children were born: Harry, deceased, buried at Joliet; Michael, the subject of this sketch; Louis died in 1927, buried in Chicago; Samuel, lives at Los Angeles, Calif.; and William, deceased, buried in Chicago.

Michael Freeman attended the public schools of Russia. He came to the United States in 1890 and settled in Chicago, where he worked at his trade that of a carpenter. He came to Joliet in 1899 and established the Illinois Iron and Metal Yards on Northeastern Avenue, and

in 1917 removed to Third Avenue and established a yard. He retired on June 6, 1927. He is a member of the Jewish Hebrew Federation.

Michael Freeman married Miss Florence B. Schiff, a daughter of Isaac Schiff. Mr. Schiff was born in Germany and was a merchant. He came to the United States and lived retired until his death. He is buried in Chicago. To Mr. and Mrs. Freeman five children were born: Lillian, married Louis Roth, lives in Joliet; Ernest, born Nov. 2, 1901; Sarah, married H. Borkson, Joliet; and Jacob and Samuel, twins, live in Joliet. The mother, Florence B. (Schiff) Freeman died in 1915 and is buried in Waldheim Cemetery, Chicago, Ill.

Ernest Freeman attended the public schools of Joliet and for three years was a student at Joliet Township High School. When his school days were ended he found a place ready for him in his father's business which was founded in 1899. He has never been in any other business. Since June 6, 1927 he has been owner and manager.

The Freeman home is at 115 Third Avenue, Joliet.

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**George A. Le Riche** is among the progressive young business men of Joliet, where he is superintendent of transportation for the Chicago-Joliet Electric Railway Company. He was born at New Brunswick, Canada, May 26, 1895, a son of George D. and Louise (Blackhall) Le Riche.

George D. Le Riche was born on the Isle of Jersey, Channel Islands, Great Britain, in 1866, and his wife was born in New Brunswick, Canada. He went to Canada in 1880 as an apprentice clerk for a fish exporting company, and now holds the position of general manager for the Robins, Jones, & Whitman Company, fish exporters. He is prominent in politics and is a member of the Methodist church. Louise (Blackhall) Le Riche is the daughter of James and Elizabeth Blackhall. The former is deceased and the latter lives in Montreal, Canada. Mr. Blackhall was a custom official for many years. His son, J. R. Blackhall, is general manager of the Chicago, Milwaukee & North Shore Railroad, vice president of the Chicago-Joliet Electric Railway Company, and a leading business man of Joliet, where he has lived for many years. To Mr. and Mrs. George D. Le Riche, who live in New Brunswick, Canada,

the following children were born: George A., the subject of this sketch; Ada, lives in Montreal, Canada; Ethel, student nurse, Caledonian Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Dalton, lives in Los Angeles, Calif.; Vernon, lives in Montreal, Canada; Eva, lives at home; and Mildred, died in 1927, is buried in New Brunswick, Canada.

George A. Le Riche spent his boyhood in Canada and in 1911 was graduated from Mt. Allison Academy. He came to Joliet in 1912 and entered the employ of the Chicago-Joliet Electric Railway Company. He was later put in charge of the electric light department. In April, 1918, he enlisted for service in the World War and attended the Bradley Polytechnical School at Peoria, Ill. He was then transferred to a radio school at Columbia, S. C., and later attended the Field Artillery School at Anniston, Ala. He was discharged from the service in February, 1919, and returned to Joliet, where he resumed his work with the Chicago-Joliet Electric Railway Company as storekeeper and purchasing agent. In 1925 he was made superintendent of automotive equipment, and on Jan. 1, 1927, was promoted to assistant general manager. He assumed his present responsibilities as superintendent of transportation in October, 1927.

In 1919 Mr. Le Riche was united in marriage with Miss Clara Brach, the daughter of August and Amelia Brach, of Willow Springs, Ill.

In politics Mr. Le Riche is identified with the Republican party, and he is a member of Matteson lodge A. F. & A. M. No. 175, B. P. O. Elks No. 296, American Legion Harwood Post No. 5, Rotary Club, and Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the Methodist church and is well known in the community in which he lives.

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**Charles Joseph Farley**, superintendent and joint agent for the Chicago & Alton Railroad and the Santa Fe and Rock Island Railroads at the Joliet Union Depot Terminal, is widely and favorably known throughout Will County. He was born at Braidwood, Ill., Feb. 1, 1889, the son of James J. and Margaret (Dougherty) Farley.

James J. Farley was born in Ireland and came to Massachusetts in early life. His wife was a native of Illinois. He engaged in the mercantile business at Providence, R. I., before locating at Braidwood,

Ill., where he was interested in the confectionery and grocery business. He died in 1899 and his wife died in 1893. They are buried in the Catholic Cemetery at Braidwood. Mr. Farley was a Democrat and a member of the Immaculate Conception Church. There were four children in the Farley family: Mame and Catherine, live at Joliet; Agnes, married Thomas Murphy, lives at Joliet; and Charles Joseph, the subject of this sketch.

The boyhood of Charles Joseph Farley was spent at Braidwood, where he attended the parochial schools. He then learned telegraphy while in the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad. He worked at various points on this railroad and in 1907 was transferred to the accounting department, where he did special work on station accounts. Three years later he was sent to Joliet in charge of the ticket department of the Chicago & Alton. In 1910 he became associated with the Santa Fe Railroad as ticket clerk in this city. On Nov. 1, 1912, when the new Union Depot was erected he became local ticket agent and in 1918 succeeded the late J. C. Fealey as superintendent and joint agent for the Chicago & Alton, Santa Fe, and Rock Island Railroads. For many years Mr. Farley has conducted various organizations on tours throughout the United States, being in charge of personally conducted tours for the Shriners, Knights Templar, Knights of Columbus, Elks, and American Legion.

Mr. Farley is a Democrat in politics. He is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, 4th degree, Elks lodge, Rotary Club, and Holy Name Society. He also belongs to the Chamber of Commerce.

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**Wilbur A. Barry**, mortician, is among the substantial and highly esteemed business men of Joliet. He was born in this city, April 13, 1882, the son of Patrick H. and Sarah J. (Neville) Barry.

Patrick H. Barry, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born at Newry, Ireland, Jan. 1, 1835, and died April 19, 1915. His widow was born at Canton, Ill., Jan. 26, 1849, and resides at Joliet. Mr. Barry came to the United States from Ireland in 1851 and settled in Virginia. Later he removed to Canton, Ill., making the trip by horse

and wagon. Throughout the Civil War he served as a member of Company K, 103rd Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was wounded at the battle of Gettysburg and was with Gen. Sherman on his March to the Sea. After his discharge from the service Mr. Barry returned to Canton, Ill., where he was married. He then removed to Joliet, where he was employed as a guard at the Illinois State Penitentiary for almost 30 years. He then went with the Chicago & Alton Railroad and was also later employed by the Santa Fe. Later, however, he returned to his former employment at the penitentiary, at Joliet. Mr. Barry was a Republican, a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic. Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Barry: Wilbur A., the subject of this sketch; and Arthur M., identified with the Barry Audit Company, Joliet.

Wilbur A. Barry has always lived at Joliet. After his graduation from St. Mary's High School, he became associated with the Barrett Hardware Company, in whose employ he remained as shipping clerk for nine years. He spent the following 12 years as manager of the mill and factory supply department of Poehner & Dillman, hardware dealers. He then purchased the interests of John F. Quinn in the undertaking firm of Quinn & O'Neill, the firm then being known for six years as O'Neill & Barry. At this time the business was dissolved and Mr. Barry became owner. It is now known as the Central Funeral Chapel and is located at 651 Cass Street.

On Feb. 8, 1908, Mr. Barry was united in marriage with Miss Alice E. Bayley, a daughter of Henry and Mary (Connor) Bayley, natives of Lockport, Ill. Mr. Bayley, who died Sept. 12, 1922, was an engineer on the Illinois Michigan Canal, and later superintendent of the water works at Lockport. His widow resides at Lockport. Alice E. (Bayley) Barry died Oct. 12, 1922, and is buried at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Joliet. She is survived by a son, William H., who was born Feb. 19, 1915.

Mr. Barry is a Democrat, a member of St. Bernard's Catholic Church and is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Holy Name Society, and F. O. Eagles, Ariel No. 377. He is vitally interested in the Boy Scout movement and takes an active part in the local organization's work.

**Pence Billings Orr.**—One of the well known professional men of Joliet is Pence Billings Orr, a veteran of the World War, who commands a substantial general law practice here, with offices in the Will County National Bank Building. He was born at Columbus, Bartholomew County, Ind., March 9, 1883, the son of Hon. John C. and Rose E. (Billings) Orr.

Hon. John C. Orr was born near Attica, Fountain County, Ind., in 1854. He was educated in the public schools of Indiana and in 1876 was graduated from the Law School of the University of Michigan. He engaged in practice at Evansville, Ind., for a short time but later removed to Columbus, Ind., where he spent the remainder of his life. He died in 1893, and his widow, Rose E. Billings Orr, who was born at Oxford, Ohio, in April, 1854, resides at Columbus. Mr. Orr was a Republican, and was serving as acting judge at the time of his death. Lawrence F. Orr, at present State Examiner of Accounts for the State of Indiana, is a brother of Pence Billings Orr, the subject of this sketch; Ella M. Orr, a sister, lives at Columbus, Ind.

Pence Billings Orr was educated in the public schools of Columbus, from which he was graduated in 1901. He received his degree in law from the University of Indianapolis in 1905 and on May 23rd of that year was admitted to the Indiana State Bar. He came to Joliet, May 29th and read law in the offices of the late Judge George L. Cowing and George Young. He was admitted to the Illinois State bar Oct. 16, 1905, and has practiced independently in this city since that time. He was later admitted to the Federal Court.

On Feb. 1, 1919, Mr. Orr married Miss Edith V. Johnson, the daughter of Frederick and Emma (Johnson) Johnson of Joliet. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are both living at Joliet.

Mr. Orr is a Republican and served as assistant attorney general of the State of Illinois for seven years under attorney general Brundage. He is assistant commissioner on the Illinois Commerce Commission. Mr. Orr is identified with the Will County, Illinois State, and American Bar Associations.

Mr. Orr is a member of the Presbyterian Church and he belongs to the Knights of Pythias, Paul Revere Lodge No. 371; he was Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of Illinois 1924-5, and is now serv-





PENCE B. ORR



ing as representative of the supreme lodge of Illinois; D. O. K. K. No. 47 Aa Zaz Temple; Elks lodge No. 296; Loyal Order of Moose, No. 300; Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Modern Woodmen of America; Matteson Lodge A. F. & A. M. No. 175; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. No. 27; Joliet Commandery, K. T. No. 4; Ansar Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and Order of the Eastern Star.

During the World War Mr. Orr enlisted for service and was sent to Camp Gordon, Georgia, where he was assigned to Company D, Second Infantry. He was discharged with the rank of sergeant, Jan. 2, 1919. He is a charter member and one of the organizers of American Legion, Harwood Post No. 5, and was a member of the first executive committee of the American Legion of the State of Illinois in 1919 and 1920. He also is active in the affairs of the "40 and 8" society. Mr. Orr is also a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War.

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**The American Legion, Harwood Post No. 5, Joliet.**—The American Legion had its inception in Paris, France, on Feb. 15 to 19, 1919, when General Headquarters called together a group of 20 officers to confer with certain officers of the regular army regarding the improvement of conditions and the development of contentment in the American forces in France. A temporary committee was formed with Lieut. Col. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., as chairman and Lieut. Col. Eric Fisher Wood as temporary secretary.

The Paris caucus convened at the American Club on March 15, 16, and 17, 1919. About one thousand delegates, of all ranks from private to brigadier general attended this caucus. They selected "The American Legion" as a tentative name and also adopted a tentative constitution very similar to what became later the permanent constitution at Minneapolis, Minn. The committee met in Paris on April 17, 1919, and appointed a committee of fifteen to work in the United States.

A caucus was called in St. Louis, May 9, 10, 1919. Illinois with 112 delegates had the largest representation at this gathering. The Illinois delegation worked harmoniously and its efforts were felt throughout the entire session. A State Organization Committee was elected, com-

posed of the following: Pence B. Orr, Joliet; Robert H. Engle, Freeport; Thomas F. Harwood, Bloomington; H. W. Weber, Urbana; Leo G. Hanna, Peoria; G. G. Seaman, Taylorville; J. McGlynn, East St. Louis; W. R. McCauley, Olney; Wm. D. Knight, Rockford; B. J. Arnold, Chicago; J. P. Cummings, Chicago; C. L. Courier, Chicago; Marshall Field III, Chicago; Cornelius Lynd, Chicago.

On March 15, 1919, ten ex-soldiers met at Knapp's Hall, and formed a temporary post. Harwood Post No. 5 was chartered in May, 1919, consisting of 48 charter members. The first commander of the post was Rugar Young, 1919; Dr. W. R. Fletcher, 1920; R. A. P. Holderby, 1921; Glenn Cowing, 1922; Pence B. Orr, 1923; H. E. Newton, 1924; Ray Bassett, 1925; H. C. Todd, 1926; J. Paul O'Hern, 1927; Dr. W. Preston, 1928. On Aug. 29 and 30, 1927, the Illinois State Convention was held in Joliet, and from 10 to 12 thousand ex-soldiers were in the line of march.

Harwood Post No. 5 has a membership of about 800 men.

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**James L. Longley**, one of the solid citizens and business men of Joliet, Ill., and president of the Adam Groth Company, was born in Hammond, Wis., May 4, 1874. He is a son of Thomas L. and Helen K. (Dunning) Longley.

Thomas L. Longley was born in Hawley, Mass. As a young boy he learned the telegrapher's trade and worked for the Michigan Central Railroad. He was with the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railroad for a time and then returned to the Michigan Central Railroad, and for many years was general agent for the company at Michigan City. He took a keen interest in politics and belonged to the Republican party. His wife was born on a farm near Rockford, Ill. To Mr. and Mrs. Longley five children were born: Maude, deceased; James L., the subject of this sketch; Russell, deceased; Alphonse, married Charles T. Mason, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history; and Ralph D., lives in Chicago. He served in France with the Engineers during the World War, and was a second lieutenant.

James L. Longley attended the public and high school of Joliet. After leaving school he entered the employ of Poehner & Dillman as

an apprentice plumber, and upon mastering the trade remained with them eight years. In 1904 he entered the office of the Adam Groth & Company in the capacity of clerk, later working up as bookkeeper, and later as assistant manager of the plant. In 1920 he was elected president of the company.

In 1904 Mr. Longley was united in marriage with Miss Lucy M. Groth, a daughter of Adam and Wilhelmina F. (Fallscheer) Groth, further mention of whom is made below. To Mr. and Mrs. Longley three children have been born: Russell G., born in 1907, attends the University of Illinois; Gordon J., born in 1910, attends Joliet Township High School, and is a member of the basket ball team; and Willa, born in February, 1915, a student.

Adam Groth was born in Marbourg, Germany, in 1847. At the age of fifteen years he learned the stone cutter's trade, and in winter studied drafting and architecture. In 1866 he sailed for the United States on the sailing vessel "Anna," which took 53 days to cross the ocean. He landed in Baltimore, and in 1871 removed to Chicago, Ill. He was foreman during the construction of the Sherman House, County Jail and Court House in Chicago. In 1876 he opened a stone quarry near Wausau, Wis. In 1882 he returned to Chicago, and in 1884 came to Joliet as foreman of the E. R. Brainard Company. In 1895 he started in the contracting business for himself in Joliet.

Adam Groth married Minnie Fallscheer, a daughter of John Fallscheer, a business man of Chicago. Mr. Groth died Dec. 5, 1919, and is buried in Joliet. His widow resides in Joliet.

Mr. Groth took an active interest in public affairs and from 1895 to 1897 served as city treasurer of Joliet. He was one of the organizers of the Germania Club and was its president for two years. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. Fraternally he was affiliated with Matteson Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 175; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. No. 27; Joliet Council, R. S. M. No. 82; Joliet Commandery, K. T. No. 4; and Royal Arcanum.

Mr. Longley is a member of the Joliet School Board, the English Lutheran Church, and in politics is a Republican. His fraternal affiliations are: Matteson Lodge, A. F. & A. M. No. 175; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. No. 27; Joliet Council, R. M. S. No. 82; Joliet Commandery,

K. T. No. 4, of which he was Past Commander in 1921; Ansar Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Springfield, Ill.; Joliet Shrine Club; Marguerite Chapter, Order Eastern Star, White Shrine of Jerusalem, Past Patron; B. P. O. Elks No. 296. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Joliet Country Club, Isaac Walton League, Illinois Chamber of Commerce, and Chicago Motor Club. Mr. Longley is very active in Boy Scout work, and is serving as president of the Boy Scout Council of Will County.

During the time Mr. Groth was in the construction business he built the Post Office, Library and Union Depot at Joliet.

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**Adam Groth Company**, Joliet, was organized in 1897 by Adam Groth, who died in December, 1919. It was incorporated in 1902 with the following officers: Adam Groth, president and treasurer; Carl A. Groth, vice president; and Miss Lucy Groth, secretary. It has a capital stock of \$50,000.00 and a surplus of \$250,000.00. The present officers are: James L. Longley, president; R. C. Allen, vice president; and Lucy G. Longley, secretary and treasurer.

Adam Groth Company are dealers in exterior cut stone and specialize in interior marble work. The stone is brought from quarries in Indiana and Minnesota to this modern factory. The plant covers four acres of ground and employs approximately 100 men. Equipment in their shops includes: Seven planers, two diamond saws, two air compressors, one carborundum machine, one milling machine, two inside cranes, one outside crane, two lathes, four gang saws, one copper, two polishing machines and two rubbing beds.

Adam Groth Company furnished the cut stone and built the following: Post office, in 1904; The Public Library, in 1904; St. Joseph Catholic Church North, Chicago Street, in 1904; The English Lutheran Church, 1908; The First National Bank building, 1909; The Woodruff building, now known as the Morris building, 1910; and the Union Depot was finished in 1911. In 1921 the Lincoln School was built. They supplied cut stone for Joliet High School; Culbertson School; Washington School; Marsh School; Will County National Bank; First Baptist Church at Eastern and Clinton Streets; St. Francis Academy; The

DeSalle High School; Guardian Angels Home; and Temple for Joliet Jewish Federation. Their 1928 contracts for cut stone include the furniture factory and administration buildings of the Illinois State Penitentiary, and the Y. M. C. A. building. They have had the contracts for the interior marble work in the construction of the Will County Bank, Elks Building, Clinton Square Hotel, and modern additions and alterations in the First National Bank.

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**George Lee Morris.** Among the younger men prominent in the business and social life of Joliet, one of the most noteworthy is George Lee Morris, a native of this city. He was born here May 25, 1890, a son of James and Jennie (Owen) Morris.

James Morris was born in Godrich, Canada, Oct. 31, 1868. He came with his father, William Morris, to Joliet when he was four years of age, and has always resided in this city. He attended the public schools and afterward worked as a fireman on the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railroad. He was later promoted to engineer and has served in this capacity for over 30 years. He is a Republican, a member of the Second Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Brotherhood of Railroad Locomotive Engineers. Mrs. Morris was born in Williamsburg, Kan. To Mr. and Mrs. Morris seven children were born: George Lee, the subject of this sketch; Samuel, deceased, buried in Joliet; Harold, a deputy assessor, Joliet, is a veteran of the World War, having served in France with the motor mechanic division; Raymond, a veteran of the World War, served in France with the U. S. Navy Aviation, now manager of the Morris Brothers Coal Company, Joliet; James, Jr., born Feb. 1, 1901, with the Deep Water Way; Owen, a fireman on the St. Paul Railroad, Joliet; and Jacob, deceased.

George Lee Morris was graduated from the Joliet Township High School in 1906, and from the University of Wisconsin, in 1911, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. His first position was with the American Bridge Company as a structural engineer.

In June, 1917, Mr. Morris enlisted in the U. S. Army and attended the Officers Reserve School at Fort Sheridan and was commissioned a first lieutenant in the field artillery. He was then sent as a casual

to France where he attended the Field Artillery School at Samur, later going to Port du Vincennes, France. He was then assigned to the 31st Coast Artillery, attached to the 26th Division. On March 5, 1919, Mr. Morris was discharged as a first lieutenant. He now holds a commission as a captain in the U. S. Reserve Corps. After his discharge from the service, Mr. Morris returned to the American Bridge Company as an engineer, which position he resigned in 1920. In the fall of 1920 he with his brothers organized the Morris Brothers Coal Company, and he assumed charge of the business, in which he is still interested. On April 6, 1926, he was elected to the office of assessor for Joliet Township and is still serving in that position.

In 1917 Mr. Morris was married to Miss Florence Lindskog, a daughter of Axel and Alma (Sunden) Lindskog, both natives of Sweden. Mr. and Mrs. Lindskog were married in Chicago, where he was interested in the theatre business. He is deceased and is buried in Los Angeles, where his widow now resides. Mr. and Mrs. Morris have two children: Victoria Irene, a student, and Robert Lee. The family are members of the Second Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Morris is a member of the Executive Committee of Harwood Post, No. 5, American Legion; the "40 and 8" Society, Matteson Lodge, A. F. & A. M. No. 175; and the Chamber of Commerce.

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Ozias W. McGovney, assistant cashier of the Will County National Bank, Joliet, is a native of Will County. He was born at Manhattan, May 22, 1887, a son of Ozias Erwin and Georgia C. (Knapp) McGovney.

Ozias Erwin McGovney was born in Mokena, Will County, Ill., in 1855. He began his career as a merchant in Manhattan, Ill., where he also served as first mayor of the town. He later removed to Mokena, Ill., where he followed the mercantile and insurance business. He was postmaster of Mokena for over 13 years, and also served on the school board, and was president of the village board. Politically he was a Republican. He died in 1910 and is buried in Marshall Cemetery, New Lenox Township, Will County. His widow, who was born in Chicago, resides in Joliet. To Mr. and Mrs. McGovney five sons were born: 1. Ona E., Mokena, Ill., engaged in real estate and insurance, was a former



postmaster. He belongs to the Masonic Lodge, A. F. & A. M. 2. Alvin E., lives at Cleveland, Ohio, is with the Foundation Press Company. Member of Masonic Lodge, A. F. & A. M. 3. Edgar E., serving in the United States Army, stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., is a veteran of the World War; is also a Mason, A. F. & A. M. 4. Chester A., special teller with the Continental National Bank & Trust Company, Maywood, Ill., also a Mason, A. F. & A. M. 5. Ozias W., the subject of this sketch.

Ozias Erwin McGovney was the son of Ozias and Matilda J. (Elsworth) McGovney. He was born in Adams County, Ohio, Dec. 4, 1824, and came to Frankfort Township, Will County, Ill., in 1831 with his parents. At the age of 25 years he was admitted to the bar and became an attorney and solicitor in the courts of Illinois. He held the office of postmaster for three years; was the first justice of the peace and held that office for 21 years. On Jan. 20, 1846, he married Matilda J. Elsworth, who was born Feb. 23, 1829, in Onondaga County, New York. To this union eight children were born: Sarah, Nancy O., Ozias Erwin, Emily M., Hattie, Arthur W., Jessie, and William W.

Ozias McGovney was the son of John McGovney who was a son of James McGovney, born in the North of Ireland. He came to the United States and settled in Adams County, Ohio. In 1831 John McGovney removed to Frankfort Township, Will County, Ill., and laid out the first addition to Mokena, and was one of its earliest pioneers.

Ozias W. McGovney was educated in the public schools of Mokena, and Oak Park High School, Oak Park, Ill. He worked in the post office at Mokena as a clerk, and in 1917 came to Joliet where he was employed as a clerk in the collection department of the Will County National Bank.

On April 2, 1918, Mr. McGovney enlisted in the 72nd Battery, Heavy Artillery, at Fort Williams, Maine, being later transferred to Headquarters Ordinance Department, Fort Williams, and appointed corporal. He did clerical work. He was discharged in January, 1919, and returned to the Will County National Bank as receiving teller. In January, 1926, he was elected assistant cashier.

Mr. McGovney is a Republican in politics, and his fraternal affiliations are with Matteson Lodge, A. F. & A. M. No. 175; Modern Woodmen of America; American Legion, Harwood Post No. 5; and the Joliet Chamber of Commerce.

**Albion F. Delander**, county clerk of Will County, Ill., was born in Madrid, Iowa, Dec. 30, 1883, the son of Eric J. and Anna S. (Swanson) Delander.

Eric J. Delander was born in Madrid, Iowa, a son of John and Anna M. Delander, natives of Sweden, who came to the United States in early life and located at Madrid, Iowa. He was a veteran of the Civil War, serving in the 32nd Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He died in early manhood and his wife, who was born Nov. 14, 1832, resides in Madrid, and is now 95 years of age.

Eric J. Delander was reared on his mother's farm and attended the district schools. On Sept. 13, 1882, he was married at Madrid, to Anna S. Swanson, born in Jerns-Socken, Sweden, June 27, 1862. She died Nov. 30, 1925, and is buried in Joliet, Ill., where Mr. Delander now resides. Mr. Delander removed to Joliet from Iowa in 1888 and was connected with P. E. Holstrom, retail grocer for a time. Later he was appointed a mail carrier and served in that capacity for 33 years until he retired. He is a Republican and a member of the Lutheran Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Delander six children were born: Albion F., the subject of this sketch; Earl D., born June 26, 1885, died March 18, 1891, buried in Joliet; Harry L., born Aug. 23, 1887, lives at Wilmette, Ill.; Grace L., born Oct. 4, 1889, died April 20, 1891, buried in Joliet; Earl D., born Oct. 2, 1892, lives at Joliet; and Edas J., born Oct. 19, 1893, lives at Joliet. During the World War he served in the 383rd Motor Transport Corps.

Albion F. Delander was educated in the public schools of Joliet and graduated from Joliet High School in 1904. He then entered the employ of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company where he remained until appointed deputy county clerk. In 1922 he was elected county clerk of Will County on the Republican ticket, and in 1926 was re-elected.

On Sept. 4, 1907, Mr. Delander was married to Eleanor L. Strombeck, a daughter of Peter G. and Wilhelmina Strombeck, natives of Sweden. Mr. Strombeck was born in 1857 and is now deceased. His widow was born in 1855, and died Feb. 29, 1928. To Mr. and Mrs. Delander four children have been born. 1. Lois Eleanor, born Feb. 14, 1911, a student in the Joliet Township High School. She had the distinction of winning the beauty contest at Atlantic City and became Miss America in 1927. 2. Norma Lorraine, born May 5, 1912, a student in



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the Joliet Township High School. 3. Richard Marshall, born Jan. 28, 1917, a student; and 4. Donald Wesley, born Sept. 17, 1923.

Mr. Delander is a member of the Lutheran Church. Fraternally he is a Mason, being a member of Matteson Lodge, A. F. & A. M. 175; the Elks, No. 296, Chamber of Commerce, Moose Club, and is past president of the John Ericsson Republican Club of Will County. The Knights of Pythias; Paul Revere Lodge No. 371; Kiwanis Club; Izaak Walton League and Old Scouts Club. Mr. Delander has an excellent standing in the county and is highly esteemed.

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**Thomas Flint.** In the distribution of dairy products in Joliet and surrounding territory, Thomas Flint, president of the Flint Sanitary Milk Company, holds a leading position, his usefulness in this vital branch of business activity contributing largely to the health and welfare of the people. A man of large initiative and the fearless spirit of the pioneer in worthy effort, Mr. Flint was a leader in installing modern methods in the handling and distribution of milk, and he is interested in other dairy products as well. He was born at Skane, south of Sweden, in 1869, a son of Nels and Gertrude (Nelson) Flint.

Nels Flint came to the United States in 1881 and located at Lemont, Ill., where he worked in the stone quarries. In the fall of 1883 he went to Edmondson County, Ky., where he bought land and farmed. Later he returned to Lemont, and in 1889 removed to Joliet, where he died in 1913. Mrs. Flint died in 1881. They were the parents of nine children: Nels, Sweden; August, Joliet; Axel, president Joliet Calendar Company; Johanna, married Peter Munson, Joliet; Thomas, the subject of this sketch; Oliver, Joliet; Anna P., Rock Island, Ill.; Mrs. M. C. Linburg, Rock Island; and Wilhelmina, married Ernest Anderson, Joliet.

Thomas Flint acquired a common school education in Sweden and attended school in Lemont for several years. In 1888 his brother, Axel, started in the dairy business, handling milk both wholesale and retail, and in 1893 Thomas Flint became associated with the business, so that his continuous record of activity covers a period of 35 years. In 1894 another brother, Oliver, joined the firm. In 1923 Axel Flint sold his interest, and the business is now owned by Thomas and Oliver Flint. Since 1900 the plant has been located at 406 Collins Street. The company also do a very considerable business in butter, ice cream, as well

as in milk, and represent one of the most noteworthy interests of this nature in the State, as well as the largest concern of its kind.

In 1895 Mr. Thomas Flint was married to Miss Anna Marie Anderson, a native of Sweden, who came alone to the United States at the age of 16, and lived in Joliet. To this union four children have been born: Clara; Mrs. Edwin Johnson; Theodore, Secretary Flint Sanitary Milk Company; and Gertrude, at home.

Mr. Flint's religious connection is with the Swedish Lutheran Church, of which he is a trustee. He is a Republican and a member of the Joliet Chamber of Commerce.

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**Axel Flint**, president of the Joliet Calendar Company, is a well known business man of this city. He was born at Lands Krona, Sweden, in 1864, a son of Nels and Gertrude (Nelson) Flint.

Nels Flint came to the United States in 1881. He located at Lemont, Ill., and worked in the stone quarries. In the fall of 1883 he went to Edmondson County, Ky., where he bought a farm, later returning to Lemont. In 1889 he removed to Joliet, where he died in 1914. Mrs. Flint died in 1881 in Sweden. To this union the following children were born: Nels, Sweden; August, resides in Joliet; Axel, the subject of this sketch; Johanna, married Peter Munson, Joliet; Thomas, and Oliver, Joliet; Anna P., Rock Island; Mrs. M. C. Lindberg, Rock Island; and Wilhelmina, married Ernest Anderson, Joliet.

Axel Flint attended the public schools in Sweden and came to the United States in 1883. The same year he accompanied his father to Kentucky, but in 1884 returned to Lemont, Ill., where he worked on a farm for a time. In 1885 he moved to Lockport, where he worked in a flour mill. In 1888 he entered the employ of C. M. Sprague, where he worked at the dairy business, and in 1892 he established himself in the milk business in a very small way. This business gradually increased under his personal supervision to be one of the largest distributors of milk and dairy products in Will County. In 1895 he found it advisable to take a partner, and at that time his brother Thomas became associated with him. In 1896 another brother, Oliver, was taken into the firm. Axel Flint was president of the company, the name of the concern becoming the Flint Sanitary Milk Company. He remained as the head of this business until 1923 when he sold his interest and resigned. He had in the meantime acquired considerable stock in the Joliet Cal-

endar Company, and in 1917 was elected president, and in 1923 became the active president. The other members of the firm are: C. H. Peterson, secretary, and Peter A. Goodmanson, vice president.

The Joliet Calendar Company are general printers and manufacturers of commercial calendars. The company is incorporated for \$50,000.00. They do a large business and it extends over the United States and Mexico, as well as Canada. They employ 50 salesmen, and 35 employes in the plant, which is located at 905 Benton Street. In 1928 the Company erected a modern building and plant on Gardner Street, at a cost of over \$100,000.

Mr. Flint attends the Swedish Lutheran Church and has served on the board of trustees. He is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees, and the Chamber of Commere. As a citizen Mr. Flint is progressive and lends his support and influence to all movements that have as their aim the advancement of his community and Will County.

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**Joseph A. Ley.** Few young men are better or more favorably known in their home city than Joseph A. Ley, who is a representative of the American Bond and Mortgage Company, with offices at 204 Rialto Building, Joliet. He was born in this city, Dec. 4, 1898, a son of Frank X. and Catherine (Dolan) Ley.

Frank X. Ley was born in Jackson Township, Will County, Ill. He was educated in the public schools and worked on his father's farm. When a young man he came to Joliet where he associated himself with the Chicago, Joliet Electric Railway Company. He remained in the employ of this company until his death, which occurred in 1900. He was a devout member of St. John's Catholic Church. His widow, a native of Will County, resides in Joliet. They had one son, Joseph A., the subject of this sketch.

Joseph A. Ley attended St. Patrick's parochial school, and was graduated from St. John's High School in 1914. After leaving school he was for two years in the accounting department of the Public Service Company. He then entered the employ of the Cudahy Packing Company as a bookkeeper, later being transferred to their plant at Aurora, Ill., as cashier, and later to the Rockford, Ill., plant. He resigned this position in 1924 and became representative of the American Bond & Mortgage Company in Rockford, Ill. In the latter part of 1924 Mr.

Ley returned to Joliet where he has since represented the company. His territory embraces four counties, Will, Kankakee, Grundy, and Kimball. The business has had a steady growth under the capable management of Mr. Ley and he has several agents under his personal supervision.

Mr. Ley is interested in all that pertains to general progress, and politically is independent. He is a member of St. Raymond's Catholic Church; Knights of Columbus, Joliet Council No. 382; Holy Name Society; B. P. O. Elks No. 296; and the Chamber of Commerce.

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Gustaf A. Carlson, proprietor of G. A. Carlson Funeral Home, is one of the well known young men of Joliet, where he was born, April 19, 1900, a son of Charles A. and Emily (Johnson) Carlson.

Both Charles A. Carlson and his wife were born in Sweden, the former being born at Smoland, Nov. 20, 1859. He came to the United States in the early eighties and settled at Manhattan, Ill., where he worked on a farm. He later removed to Joliet and worked in the quarries. He was a stone mason and then engaged in the contracting business, building bridges, curbs, and side walks. In 1900 he established a coal and feed business on Cass Street. This store was destroyed by fire and he then removed to the north side of Joliet where he still conducts his business. He is a member of Matteson Lodge, A. F. & A. M. No. 175; Swedish North Star Association, and an active member of the Swedish Lutheran Church. He takes an active part in politics and belongs to the John Erisson Republican Club. He married Emily Johnson at Joliet, and to them six children were born: Albert, died in 1900, and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Joliet; Alma, married Joseph M. McGarry, Joliet; Mary, married Edward F. Powers; Edward, a veteran of the World War, Joliet; Anna, married Ray F. Pendleton, a World War veteran, lives at Joliet; and Gustaf A., the subject of this sketch.

Gustaf A. Carlson attended the public schools of Joliet and was graduated from the township high school, after which he entered the employ of his father in the coal and feed business. He attended the Metropolitan Business School. In February, 1918, he enlisted in the U. S. Army and was sent to Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, later being transferred to Washington in the Quartermaster's department where he checked coal supplies for the various camps. He was later sent to Port Newark,



N. J., where he received his discharge on June 1, 1919, and returned to Joliet, and again became associated in his father's business. In 1925 Mr. Carlson entered the funeral business with Frank Johnson, and took up the profession of embalming and undertaking at the Worsham Training School of Sanitary Science and Embalming, from which he received a certificate in March, 1926, which entitled him to practice his profession in Illinois. In November, 1926, he engaged in business under his own name, at 713 Cass Street.

Mr. Carlson is a member of the Swedish Lutheran Church; the American Legion, Harwood Post No. 5; Mount Joliet Lodge, A. F. & A. M. No. 142; the John Erisson Republican Club; the Swedish North Star Association; and the Illinois State Undertakers Association.

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**Jay Albert Folk** is a well known business man of Joliet where he is proprietor of Folk's Garage, located at 101-105 South Eastern Avenue. He was born in this city, Feb. 17, 1882, and is a son of Dr. Julius William and Helen J. (Henry) Folk, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history.

Jay Albert Folk received his education in the public schools, Joliet Township High School, and also attended Culver Military Academy. After leaving school he went to Canada where for two years he was in the transportation department of the Folk, Surggart & Collins Fur Company. He returned to Joliet and then went west where he remained for several years. When he returned he was associated with the Will County National Bank as a teller, which position he resigned in 1912. That year he bought a farm in the State of Washington. In 1921 he returned to his old position with the Will County National Bank where he remained until 1923, when he established a service station and automobile laundry. In the spring of 1927 he built his present garage, which is of brick construction, two stories in height, and which affords space for his excellent business. He employs four men and has a storage capacity for 100 cars.

In 1908 Mr. Folk married Miss Sadie A. Brown, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Brown. Mr. Brown is deceased and his widow resides in Joliet. Mr. and Mrs. Folk have a son, Robert J., a student.

Mr. Folk is a Republican and a member of the Universalist Church. He is affiliated with Oriental Lodge, A. F. & A. M. No. 74, Spokane,

Wash.; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. No. 27; Joliet Commandery, K. T. No. 4; Medinah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Joliet Shrine Club; and B. P. O. Elks, No. 296. He is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Culver Legion, Chicago Motor Club, Culver Summer School Alumni Association; and a director of the Will County National Bank. Mr. Folk is one of the substantial citizens of Will County.

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**Dr. Julius W. Folk.** One of the leading citizens of Joliet, well known throughout Will County as an influential and honored citizen, was Dr. Julius W. Folk, whose death on Nov. 10, 1925, was a shock to the community. He was born in Abbottstown, Pa., July 5, 1842, a son of Dr. Henry Folk, who came west in 1845 and located in Will County, Ill., and who is mentioned in the general history of this county.

In 1862 Julius W. Folk enlisted in Company B, 100th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was immediately made a corporal and assigned to hospital duty under the late Dr. A. M. Heise, father of Attorney William D. Heise. Later he was sent south where he took an active part in the battles of Laverne, Stone River, and Chickamauga. He was honorably discharged, with a surgeon's certificate of discharge, in February, 1864. After his return he studied medicine and in 1868 entered Chicago Medical College from which he was graduated in 1869. He then practiced medicine with Dr. Heise for two years. In 1871 he entered the railway contracting business with his father-in-law, the late J. A. Henry. In 1895 Dr. Folk retired from the railroad business and devoted his time to the affairs of the Will County National Bank, and the supervision of a farm which he owned southwest of the city. He was one of the oldest officials and vice president and director of the Will County National Bank for over 20 years.

On Sept. 26, 1867, Dr. Folk was married to Miss Helen J. Henry, a daughter of Jacob A. Henry. On Sept. 26, 1924, they celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary. To this marriage two children were born: Mrs. Frank Rich, wife of Dr. Frank Rich, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history; and Jay Albert, a sketch of whom also appears in this history.

Dr. Folk was prominent in Masonic circles and was a member of Matteson Lodge, A. F. & A. M. No. 175; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. No. 27;

Joliet Commandery, K. T. No. 4; Medinah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Joliet Shrine Club; B. P. O. Elks No. 296; and the Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Folk is very active in church work and is a member of St. John's Universalist Church. She resides at 114 South Eastern Avenue, Joliet.

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**Robert S. Rowell** is a well known young business man of Joliet where he is president of the Rowell Coal Company. He was born in this city, Jan. 9, 1895, a son of Nathaniel J. and Annie W. (Strong) Rowell.

Nathaniel J. Rowell was born in Rochester, N. Y. He graduated from the University of Chicago with the Bachelor of Science degree, and with a Mr. Renwick established the Chicago Gravel Company. He was interested in this company until his death which occurred in 1904. He was a Republican, a member of the Episcopal Church, and the Union League Club. Mrs. Rowell, who was born in Joliet, now resides here. There were three children in the Rowell family: Lilla, married James V. Clyne, cashier of the Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Joliet; Nathaniel J., Jr., Joliet; and Robert S., the subject of this sketch.

Robert S. Rowell first attended the local public schools, after which he entered Prof. Griswold's Private School for Boys at Redlands, Calif. He later attended Joliet High School and the University of Arizona. After leaving college he was secretary for the Oliver Realty Company.

In 1918 Mr. Rowell enlisted in the World War in the Ambulance Corps of the U. S. Army and was sent to Chicago for training and was attached to an ambulance driving corps. He was honorably discharged in October, 1918. In November of that year he entered the employ of the National City Company of New York as a bond salesman, and was later transferred to Milwaukee, Wis., as representative for that district. In November, 1919, he went to Denver, Colo., where he engaged in the bond business for himself remaining until 1922, when he returned east. On Oct. 1, 1922, he established his present business, the Rowell Coal Company. This company is incorporated under the laws of Illinois for \$20,000. The present officers are: Robert S. Rowell, president; James Clyne, vice president; and Nat Rowell, secretary and treasurer.

On April 21, 1926, Mr. Rowell was married to Miss Mignon Bryant, a daughter of W. Roy and Georgia (Sale) Bryant, natives of Normal, Ill., later removing to Bloomington, and then to Joliet. Mr. Bryant was dis-

trict manager for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company. In 1927 he was transferred to Kalamazoo, Mich., where he is general agent for the company. Mr. and Mrs. Rowell had two children: Georgann, born Jan. 6, 1927, died March 24, 1927, is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Joliet; and Mingon, born Feb. 16, 1928. The family are members of the Episcopal Church.

Mr. Rowell is a Republican and is a member of the Joliet Country Club, Chamber of Commerce, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He is prominent in Masonic circles and is a member of Matteson Lodge, A. F. & A. M. No. 175; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. No. 27; and Joliet Commandery, K. T. No. 4. He is a promising young man whose business success is fully established.

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Frank D. Rich, M. D., established his residence in the city of Joliet in the year 1904, and here his ability has marked him as one of the representative physicians and surgeons of the county. Dr. Rich was born at Chicago, Ill., March 18, 1870, the son of Arthur D. and Esther (Dyckman) Rich.

Arthur D. Rich, deceased, was a prominent attorney of Chicago for many years. He was born at Lake Ticonderoga, N. Y., and his wife was a native of Albany. He was graduated from the law school of the University of Michigan and throughout his professional career was located in Chicago. Mr. Rich was a Republican and a member of the Sweden Borgian Church. He and his wife are buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Chicago. They had the following children: Arthur D., Jr., deceased; Frederick, physician, a graduate of the Chicago Medical College, lives at Clear Spring, Maryland; Evert, real estate operator, lives in California; Louis, manager of the Savings department of the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago; Charles D., physician, a graduate of Chicago Medical College, now deceased; Albert D., attorney, a graduate of the University of Michigan, now deceased; Frank D., the subject of this sketch; Esther, married Lee Riley, of the firm of Riley-Brittan, publishers, Chicago; Benjamin C., a graduate of the University of Michigan, now chief engineer, of the Dresden Locks Company, Chicago; and William B., a graduate of the University of Michigan, lives in Chicago.

Frank D. Rich acquired his early education in the public schools of Chicago, Englewood High School, and Northwestern University Pre-



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paratory School. From there he entered the Medical School of the University of Michigan, graduating in the class of 1893. He spent one year as assistant to Prof. D. A. McLachlan, and then located at Manistee, Mich. In 1903 he went to Chicago, and the following year located in Joliet, where he has since been one of the outstanding representatives of the medical profession.

In 1912 Dr. Rich was united in marriage with Miss Ethel Folk, daughter of Dr. J. W. and Helen (Henry) Folk. Dr. Folk, deceased, was a leading physician of Joliet, and throughout the Civil War served as a surgeon in the army. He is deceased, and his widow resides in Joliet, Ill. To Dr. and Mrs. Rich have been born two children: Frank D., Jr., born in 1914, attends Joliet High School; and Helen, born in 1916, attends Washington School.

Dr. Rich is a Republican, a member of the Central Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Elks Lodge, Kiwanis Club, the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He is past president of the Will County Medical Society and he is also identified with the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. While a resident of Manistee, Mich., he served as secretary of the Manistee County Medical Society and as coroner of Manistee.

In 1914 Dr. Rich became interested in the Boy Scout movement and became scout master of Troop No. 6, Central Presbyterian Church. He was elected commissioner of the Boy Scouts of Joliet in 1926, and is now commodore of the Sea Scout Division of the Boy Scouts.

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**Gilbert Cooper.** Among the principal industries of Joliet is the Ideal Concrete Company, of which Gilbert Cooper is the president. He is a native of Will County, having been born in Frankfort Township, Sept. 7, 1885, a son of George H. and Fanny (Newton) Cooper.

Both George H. Cooper and his wife were born in Orland Township, Will County, Ill. For many years Mr. Cooper conducted a dairy and stock farm in that township and met with success. He was active in politics and served as highway commissioner of the township for many years, and was a member of the Illinois State Board of Agriculture. He is now living at St. Petersburg, Florida, where he is engaged in the real estate business. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he has served as trustee, and also belongs to the Modern Wood-

men of the World and Court of Honor. Mrs. Cooper died in 1913 and is buried in Orland Township. They were the parents of six children: Walter, a farmer, Orland Township; Herbert, farmer, Orland Township; Gilbert, the subject of this sketch; Fanny, deceased; Maude, married Bert Ingle, St. Petersburg, Fla.; and George H., Jr., postal department, St. Petersburg.

Gilbert Cooper attended the public schools of Frankfort Township, Will County, and Orland Township, Cook County, Ill., and took a business course at Orr's Business College, Chicago. After leaving school he worked for Mateer Brothers, and for the Joliet Steel Construction Company. He was superintendent of works for the latter company, and became an estimator and salesman. He resigned this position on March 1, 1911.

On April 1, 1911, with C. Vander-Boegh he founded the Ideal Concrete Construction Company, in which business he has since been the head.

In June, 1912, Mr. Cooper was united in marriage with Miss Marie Vander-Boegh, a daughter of C. Vander-Boegh, a building contractor and real estate operator of Joliet. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper have two children: Chester G., and Myrtle M., both students. The family are members of the Richards Street Methodist Episcopal Church.

In political affairs Mr. Cooper is a staunch Republican. He is a member of the B. P. O. Elks, No. 296; a charter member of the Joliet Lion's Club "Director"; the Chamber of Commerce; was president of the Illinois Concrete Products Association in 1925. He is a member of the National Concrete Products Association and the American Concrete Institute.

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**The Ideal Concrete Company** was organized on April 1, 1911, by Gilbert Cooper and C. Vander-Boegh under the name of the Ideal Concrete Construction Company. It was incorporated in August, 1925, under the name of the Ideal Concrete Company, with a capital stock of \$150,000.00. The officers are: Gilbert Cooper, president; John G. Sengenberger, vice president; Marie Cooper, treasurer; and Oscar Laraway, secretary. The plant covers five acres of ground and is one of the largest plants of its kind in Illinois. They employ thirty men and have their own delivery service. The company manufactures concrete build-



ing units, including chimney blocks, porch columns, balusters, concrete blocks, concrete trim stone, sills, coping, and a full line of ornamental garden furniture. They also carry a complete stock of 10 different sizes of concrete burial vaults. The plant is located at 451-455 Rowell Avenue and has a frontage of 526 feet.

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**E. G. Cornish** is a prosperous merchant and leading citizen of Joliet, where he is engaged in the grocery business as proprietor of the E. G. Cornish Grocery, 700 East Washington Street. He was born in Monroe County, Mich., March 3, 1871, the son of Demmon and Mary Catherine (Haner) Cornish.

Demmon Cornish, deceased, was a native of Rutland, Vt., and his wife was born near Syracuse, N. Y. He went to Iowa many years ago and later returned to Chicago, Ill. In the late fifties he removed to Crete, Ill., being one of the first settlers of that section of Illinois. He was a general contractor and built many bridges, churches, and other public buildings, as well as private homes. He spent the latter part of his life in Monroe County, Mich., where he was a successful farmer. Both he and his wife are deceased and are buried at Saline, Mich. Mr. Cornish was a Republican and a member of the Congregational church. His wife was the daughter of Henry and Catherine (Mogg) Haner, who settled at Crete, Ill., about 1840. They later removed to Hurdland, Missouri, where they died. To Demmon and Mary Catherine (Haner) Cornish were born six children, as follows: Henry, farmer, lives at Saline, Mich.; Wilbur, farmer, lives at Saline, Mich.; Lucy, married James Toms, lives at Ann Arbor, Mich.; E. G., the subject of this sketch; Herbert, who died in 1919; and Hubert, twin brother of Herbert, lives at Patterson, N. J.

E. G. Cornish grew up on his father's farm in Monroe County, Mich., and attended the public schools. He also was enrolled at Ypsilanti College. In 1893 Mr. Cornish came to Joliet and was associated with the grocery firm of Schroeder & Wilson until 1898, at which time he went with George T. Relyea Company, wholesale grocers. In 1906 he became associated with the Quaker Oats Company as a salesman but the following year purchased a half interest in the grocery business of C. E. Wilson. Three years later he became sole owner of the business and the building was purchased by Mr. Cornish in 1922. In that year

also he built ten modern apartments in connection with his store building. Mr. Cornish has an excellent trade and is the exclusive dealer in the city for Ferndell products.

On Aug. 29, 1911, Mr. Cornish married Miss Florence Hurd, the daughter of Edward and Frances Hurd. Mr. Hurd is deceased and his widow lives in Joliet.

Mr. Cornish is a staunch Republican, a member of the Methodist church, and is affiliated with Matteson lodge, A. F. & A. M. No. 175; Joliet Chapter R. A. M. No. 27; Knights Templar No. 4, Joliet Commandery; Medinah Temple; Joliet Shrine Club; and Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. Cornish is highly esteemed in the community and has many friends.

The great-grandparents of E. G. Cornish on both sides were soldiers of the Revolutionary War.

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**Charles B. Cheadle.** One of the prominent representatives of the business life of Joliet is Charles B. Cheadle, who is president and general manager of the General Finance Corporation, as well as secretary of the Dixon Home Telephone Company, at Dixon, Ill. He was born on a farm near Dallas City, Hancock County, Ill., May 9, 1862, the son of Richard and Phoebe Ellen (McKee) Cheadle.

Richard Cheadle was born at McConnellsville, Muskingum County, Ohio, Dec. 11, 1821. He was descended from a line of Cheadles that settled in New England in early Colonial times. His father was born and reared in Windsor County, Vt. His grandfather and great-grandfather served in the Revolutionary War. His youngest brother, Joseph B. Cheadle, served with distinction in the Civil War and was elected to congress for two terms from the Ninth Indiana District. Richard Cheadle in early life was engaged in steam boating from Pittsburgh to New Orleans, and came to Illinois in the early 50's. He was interested in a flour mill in Hancock County, Ill., and the later years of his life were spent on a farm. He died at Dallas City, Ill., Feb. 12, 1899, and is buried on the family lot in Tull Cemetery, near Pontoosuc, Ill. Phoebe Ellen Cheadle was born in Union County, Ill., Feb. 23, 1833. She died at Kinmundy, Ill., Dec. 3, 1924, and is buried in the Tull Cemetery. To Mr. and Mrs. Cheadle were born the following children: Joseph R., born April 15, 1858, lives at Kinmundy, Ill.; Hattie L., born Oct. 26, 1864,

the widow of John D. Kaser, lives at Ottumwa, Iowa; Charles B., the subject of this sketch; Dr. C. M., born Aug. 26, 1869, lives at Micaville, N. C.; and Thomas A., born July 21, 1871, lives at Lockport, Ill. By a former marriage Richard Cheadle had three sons: Shepherd R., born April 3, 1847, lives at 5443 Kenmore Avenue, Chicago; George, born in 1849, deceased; and Edwin F., born May 5, 1852, lives at St. Clair, Mich.

Charles B. Cheadle was reared on his father's farm near Dallas City and attended the district schools. He later worked on the farm during the summer and taught in a country school during the winter for several years. In 1887 he entered the law office of Sharp & Berry Brothers, of which Senator O. F. Berry was a member. He read law in their offices and was admitted to the bar June 16, 1890. He then was principal of the public schools at Oquawka, Ill., for one year, at the same time practicing law there. In March, 1892, he came to Joliet and entered into the practice of law. In 1898 he became interested in a small way in the telephone business, having acquired a quarter interest in the first common battery telephone exchange ever installed and placed in service, it being at Lockport, Ill. He later organized the Peoples Telephone Company which was merged with the Northwestern Telephone Company, and in turn merged with the Interstate Telephone and Telegraph Company. Mr. Cheadle became a director in the latter named company in 1902. The following year he reorganized the Tri City Telephone Company of Clinton, Iowa, and developed its business. In 1904 he organized the Dixon Home Telephone Company, which acquired the property of the Lee County Telephone Company. In subsequent years he organized and reorganized various telephone companies throughout the State of Illinois, and in 1924 and 1926 a group of these companies became merged into the Illinois Central Telephone Company, of which Mr. Cheadle became vice president and general manager. He was also president and general manager of the National Telephone & Electric Company, operating at Clinton, Ill., and in adjacent communities. In 1920 Mr. Cheadle organized the General Finance Corporation and became its secretary and treasurer. A few years later he became its president and general manager. Early in 1928 he was instrumental in bringing about a sale of the controlling interests in the Illinois Central Telephone Company and the National Telephone and Electric Company, and also effected a sale of the property and assets of the Tri City Telephone Company of Clinton, Iowa. He remains as secretary of the Dixon Home Telephone

Company which he organized in 1904. He is also president and general manager of the General Finance Corporation with headquarters in Joliet.

On April 19, 1893, Mr. Cheadle married Miss Elizabeth Ruple, of Oquawka, Ill., the daughter of Samuel H. and Sarah Jane (Parkinson) Ruple, natives of Pennsylvania, both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Cheadle have three children: Genevieve, born June 3, 1894, married Rolland J. Strasser, lives at Evanston, Ill., and he is a member of the firm of Sargent & Lundy, Chicago, electrical and mechanical engineers; Charles Ruple, born Feb. 22, 1899, employed in the department of purchases and construction, Springfield, Ill.; and Richard Eugene, born July 21, 1903, secretary and assistant general manager of the General Finance Corporation, Joliet.

Mr. Cheadle is a Republican, a member of the Central Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge and Joliet Country Club.

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**Clarence A. Carlson**, one of Joliet's most successful young business men is a veteran of the World War. He was born at Lockport, in Will County, June 26, 1898, the son of John and Matilda Carlson.

John Carlson was born in Sweden, as was his wife. They were early settlers of Illinois, having located at Lockport, where Mr. Carlson was employed in the stone quarries. He later became engaged in building trades and is now employed in that work at Lockport. He is a Republican and a member of the Swedish Mission Church. His wife died in 1916 and is buried at Lockport. To Mr. and Mrs. Carlson were born six children as follows: Evelyn, deceased; Alfreda, deceased, was the wife of H. Woodman, who lives at Chicago Heights, Ill.; Harry, a mechanical dentist, lives at Lockport, Ill., is a World War veteran, having served in France with the 326th Machine Gun Battalion, being gassed and wounded while in service; Clarence A., the subject of this sketch; Hubert, with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, lives at Lockport, Ill.; and Arnold, lives at Lockport.

The education of Clarence A. Carlson was obtained in the public schools of Lockport. He worked as a clerk in the dry goods business of A. L. Gaines & Sons, Lockport, and later went to Argo, Ill., where he was employed as an automobile trimmer by the Elgin Motor Car Corporation. Mr. Carlson volunteered for service in the World War in

November, 1917, and served in France as a member of Company A, 108th Engineers, 33rd Division. He participated in the following important engagements: Somme, Meuse-Argonne and St. Mihiel. He was discharged in May, 1919. Mr. Carlson then went to South Bend, Ind., where he remained until 1921. He then came to Joliet as a salesman for the Cable Piano Company, and on March 1, 1926, established his present business, the Carlson Radio Company. It is the only exclusive radio store in the city, and Mr. Carlson is dealer for several important concerns.

In 1920 Mr. Carlson married Miss Anna Marie Wallace, of South Bend, Ind. They have three sons, Wallace, Kenneth, and Wayne.

Mr. Carlson is a Republican, a member of the Swedish Mission Church, and belongs to Harwood Post, No. 5, American Legion, and Exchange Club. He is vice president of the Joliet Radio Trades Association.

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**Elmer L. Cooper**, member of the firm of Cooper & Hostert, is among the enterprising and progressive business men of Mokena. He was born at Orland, Cook County, Ill., July 14, 1879, the son of James and Mary (Daniel) Cooper.

James Cooper, deceased, was a native of Illinois. He was born at Orland and throughout his life was well known in that section as a farmer and stockman. He was the owner of three well improved farms, containing a total of 354 acres, and he specialized in dairy farming. Mr. Cooper was a Republican and served as tax collector of Orland Township, as well as school director. In 1922 he retired and settled at Mokena, where he died March 31, 1924. His first wife, Mary (Daniel) Cooper, died April 1, 1890, and is buried at Orland, Ill. To this union were born three children: Thomas, retired, lives at New Lennox, Ill.; Elmer L., the subject of this sketch; and Celia M., lives at Mokena. Mr. Cooper was married (second) to Miss Catherine Weiler, who resides at Mokena. She has two children, Everett, lives at Mokena; and Cora, married Howard Gorham, lives at St. Petersburg, Fla.

Elmer L. Cooper grew up on his father's farm where he remained until he was 22 years of age. He attended the public schools of Orland and in early life engaged in general farming and stock raising, having removed to Goodland, Ind., where he spent five years. He then returned to Orland and in 1916 came to Mokena, where he engaged in the automo-

bile business, being the first dealer in this city. Cooper & Hostert are local dealers for the Ford automobile. They have an attractive sales-room, well equipped garage, and render high grade service to their many patrons.

In 1901 Mr. Cooper married Miss Ella Lauffer, the daughter of Nick and Florence (Sayers) Lauffer, natives of Cook County, Ill. Mr. Lauffer, a retired farmer, resides at Mokena. To Mr. and Mrs. Cooper were born two children: Florence, married Hugo Neithammer, lives at St. Louis, Mo., and Harold, lives at home.

Mr. Cooper is a Republican and is serving as a member of the school board. He is a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to Matteson Lodge, A. F. and A. M. No. 175; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. No. 4; Joliet Council, R. & S. M. No. 82; and Modern Woodmen of America.

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**Gustaf B. Erickson**, assistant attorney general of the State of Illinois, is a veteran of the World War, and is recognized as one of the ablest attorneys practicing at the bar of Will County. He was born in Joliet, Oct. 4, 1892, the son of Per. A. and Ida C. (Melin) Erickson.

Per. August Erickson was born at Ekebybonasoken, Ostergotland, Sweden, in February, 1858, the son of L. P. and Anna Katarina Erickson. His father, who was a farmer's son, followed agricultural pursuits and also operated a distillery. He took his family to Elgmyra, Christbergs, Soken, when Per. A. Erickson was two and one-half years of age, but later settled at Stjarnorp, and finally retired to Norrkoping. He died at Motala, in 1891, and his wife died in 1873.

Per. A. Erickson had excellent educational advantages and at an early age studied English. He served an apprenticeship at the tanner's trade in Motala, and later secured work at Linkoping. In 1877 he became a sailor and two years later emigrated to the United States. He spent some time in New York and Chicago and later removed to Lockport, Ill., where he was employed in the quarries. He also worked at the tanner's trade for Houck & Brown, and in 1897 accepted a position as keeper at the Illinois State Penitentiary, where he remained until his death. Mr. Erickson was a Republican and a charter member of the Swedish American Club, the Swedish American Republican League of Illinois, and he also belonged to the Modern Woodmen of America, and Knights of Pythias. He was a life long member of the Swedish



GUSTAF B. ERICKSON





Lutheran Church. On Dec. 13, 1890, Mr. Erickson married Miss Ida Charlotta Melin, who was born at Swanaholm, Sweden. She came to Joliet in 1890. To Mr. and Mrs. Erickson were born four children: Carl Oscar, an artist, lives in Paris, France; Gustaf B., the subject of this sketch; Thurston F., proprietor of the Vogue Stationery Company, Chicago, Ill., is a World War veteran, having served in the U. S. Navy; and Dr. Hilding W., physician and surgeon, lives in Chicago.

Gustaf B. Erickson received his early education in the public schools of Joliet and in 1910 was graduated from Joliet Township High School. He began as a messenger boy with the Illinois Steel Company and later became a chemist in the company's laboratory. In 1913 he entered the University of Chicago, and the following year enrolled in the Law School of Northwestern University, from which he received his degree in 1917. He was admitted to the Illinois State bar on October 3rd of that year.

In April, 1917, Mr. Erickson enlisted in the U. S. Army and the following month was assigned to the First Officers Training Camp, at Fort Sheridan, where he received the commission of second lieutenant, Field Artillery, Aug. 14, 1917. He was transferred to Camp Grant and assigned to the 333rd Field Artillery Supply Company. The company marched to Sparta, Wis., to Camp Robinson, making one of the longest hikes that any army outfit completed in this country. On Sept. 16, 1918, he sailed for France and was made regimental munition officer of his regiment, after having been commissioned a first lieutenant in June. He was discharged from the service at Camp Grant in July, 1919.

Upon his return to private life Mr. Erickson located in Chicago, where he specialized in income tax reports for Kixmiller & Barr, attorneys, and for Judge Robert E. Gentzel. In 1921 he returned to Joliet, where he has since engaged in private practice with offices in the Morris Building.

Mr. Erickson is a Republican, and is chairman of the Will County Republican central committee, past president of the John Ericsson Republican League of Illinois, and past president of the John Ericsson Republican Club of Will County. He is a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, and belongs to Mount Joliet Lodge, A. F. & A. M. No. 42, American Legion, Harwood Post, No. 5, the "40 and 8" Society, the Delta Theta Phi fraternity, and the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Erickson holds the rank of captain in the U. S. Reserve corps, assigned to the 14th Field Artillery.

William E. Fay is well known among the successful business men of Joliet where he is president of the Champion Machinery Company. He was born at El Paso, Wis., the son of John and Anna (Coyle) Fay.

John Fay, deceased, was a representative farmer of Waukesha, Wis. He died at Columbus, N. Dak., in 1889. His wife is also deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Fay had six children, as follows: Catherine, married Barney O'Meara, lives at Spring Valley, Wis.; Lotta, married John Farrell, lives at River Falls, Wis.; Mark, lives at River Falls; Alex, lives at Joliet; John F., lives at Columbus, N. D.; and William E., the subject of this sketch.

The education of William E. Fay was obtained in the public schools of Wisconsin and he also attended Wendell Phillips High School in Chicago. He began his business career as a clerk in the employ of the Commonwealth Edison Company of Chicago, and resigned in 1914 as illuminating expert for the plant. He then came to Joliet where he purchased an interest in the Champion Machinery Company, of which he became president in 1920. Mr. Fay has always surrounded himself with an organization that has made the company successful.

In 1914 Mr. Fay married Miss Helen Maloney, the daughter of P. J. Maloney, of Chicago. Mr. Maloney is nationally known as an interior decorator and has recently completed his fiftieth year of service with Marshall Field & Company, Chicago. To Mr. and Mrs. Fay have been born three children: Helen Jane, Billy, and James.

Mr. Fay is a prominent member of St. Raymond's Catholic Church and belongs to the Elks Lodge, Joliet Country Club, Union League Club of Chicago, Yacht Club of Chicago, and Chamber of Commerce. He is president of the Joliet Manufacturers Club, and is active in the business affairs of the city.

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The Champion Machinery Company, of Joliet, was established in 1886 by Phil Carroll and was originally known as the Carroll Company, manufacturers of several types of cracker and baking machinery. The business was owned and operated by Mr. Carroll until 1907, at which time it was incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, with the following officers: Phil Carroll, president; John Kiep, vice president; and Roy Oliver, secretary and treasurer.

In 1914 the interests of Mr. Carroll were purchased by E. A. Clark, Joseph Weber, and William E. Fay, and the company reorganized. At

that time the officers were: John Kiep, president; Joseph Weber, vice president; and E. A. Clark, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Fay took over the Clark interests in 1920 and at that time was elected president. Frank Motta is vice president and secretary, and P. Motta is treasurer.

The business of the plant has increased between five and six times since 1914 and has an equipment in machinery which is valued at \$100,000.00. Approximately 128 people are employed as compared with 35 employes in 1914.

The Champion Machinery Company manufactures a complete line of baking machinery and equipment. During the World War the company completely equipped several cantonments and battleships, and also received contracts from the French government.

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**Thomas John Ireland, D. D. S.**, has to his record a quarter of a century of skillful work as a dental surgeon at Joliet, where he engaged in practice after finishing his education. He was born in Negaunee, Marquette County, Mich., July 23, 1875, a son of Thomas John and Agnes Mary (Blaikie) Ireland.

Thomas John Ireland, deceased, was born in Barrackshire, Scotland. He came to the United States at the age of 30 years and settled in Negaunee, Mich. He was a skilled cabinet maker, having served an apprenticeship of seven years without pay in Scotland learning the trade. He established a business of his own in Michigan and met with success, and his work is still pointed to with pride in many houses in Michigan. He died Oct. 10, 1876, and is buried in Negaunee, Mich.

Agnes Mary (Blaikie) Ireland was born in County of Gray, Ontario, Canada. Her parents were natives of Glasgow, Scotland. Her father came first to Canada where they remained about one year and later removed to Negaunee, Mich. He was a mine contractor in the iron ore mines of Michigan. The family were stanch Presbyterians. Both are deceased, Mr. Ireland is buried in Negaunee, Mich. Mrs. Ireland died June 12, 1916, and is buried at Lombard, Ill. There were two children in the Ireland family: Alice, deceased; and Thomas John, the subject of this sketch.

Thomas John Ireland attended the grammar and high schools of his native city, graduating from the high school in 1890. After leaving school he worked at various occupations and attended the Chicago

Technical School. In 1901 he entered the Dental School of the University of Illinois from which he received the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery on May 5, 1904. He was admitted to practice on May 12th of that year, and immediately came to Joliet where he established his office. He has taken special courses at various times at Chicago.

On March 29, 1905, Dr. Ireland was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Louise Schulze, a daughter of Heinrich and Clara (Brandt) Schulze. She was born in Potsdam, Germany, and at the age of 17 years came to the United States to study. She is a graduate of the University of Illinois School of Dentistry, from which she received her degree on May 5, 1904. That year she went to Germany and in 1905, after her marriage, established offices with her husband in Joliet. For eight years she had a dental office in Mokena, Ill., which she conducted in connection with the Joliet office. Both Dr. Ireland and his wife are members of the Will-Grundy County Dental Society, the Illinois State Dental Society, and the American Dental Association. Mrs. Ireland served as secretary of the County Dental Society.

In October, 1910, Dr. Ireland purchased a farm of 40 acres which he conducted for 12 years, farming and stockraising along scientific lines as taught by Prof. Hopkins of the University of Illinois.

Politically Dr. Ireland is a Republican. He is a member of Mount Joliet Lodge, A. F. & A. M. No. 42, and is financial secretary of the Royal League. Dr. Ireland enjoys a large professional business and his reputation places him in the front rank of dentists in this section of the State.

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**Milton C. Geuther**, cashier of the Mokena State Bank, is among the representative young business men of Will County. He was born in Frankfort Township, Will County, Aug. 21, 1902, the son of Charles and Sarah (Bauch) Geuther.

Charles Geuther, who lives retired at Mokena, is a native of Will County. He was born in Frankfort Township, and throughout his active career was a prosperous farmer and stockman. He was the owner of 320 acres of well improved land and operated a dairy in connection with his farm. He has lived retired since 1905. Mr. Geuther is a Democrat and has served as a member of the local school board as well as village trustee. He is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. and Mrs. Geuther have five children: Mabel, married Karl Krapp, lives

at Mokena; Lydia, married Lawrence Kohl, farmer, lives in Frankfort Township; Olive, married Earl Stellwagen, lives in Chicago; Milton C., the subject of this sketch; and Harold, lives in Mokena.

Milton C. Geuther spent his boyhood on his father's farm and attended the public schools. He was graduated from Joliet Township High School in 1926. He began his banking career as a bookkeeper with the Continental National Bank, Chicago, and later served as assistant examiner for the Aetna Life Insurance Company. Since June, 1926, he has been identified with the Mokena State Bank. He was appointed assistant cashier in January, 1927, and was promoted to cashier in September of that year.

Mr. Geuther is a Republican and is a member of Matteson Lodge, A. F. and A. M. No. 175. He is not married.

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**The Mokena State Bank**, one of the dependable banking institutions of Will County, was established on Aug. 14, 1909. Its officers are: W. H. Bechstein, president; Emil P. Krapp, vice president; Milton C. Geuther, cashier; and Henry J. Schluntz, secretary. The directors are: W. H. Bechstein, George J. Hacker, Emil P. Krapp, George McGovney, Henry J. Schluntz, Charles F. Schmuhl, and William C. Wunderlich.

The bank statement on Feb. 8, 1928, is as follows: Resources: Loans and discounts, \$213,167.80; U. S. Government investments, \$5,000.00; Bonds, \$21,500.00; Banking House Fixtures and Furniture, \$10,140.00; Overdrafts, \$27.43; Cash and Due from Banks, \$34,043.60; Total Resources, amounting to \$283,878.83. Liabilities: Capital Stock, \$25,000.00; Surplus, \$25,000.00; Undivided Profits, \$566.71; Reserve Accounts, \$8,151.00; Dividends Unpaid, \$80.00; Deposits, \$195,081.12; Bills Payable, \$30,000; Total Liabilities amounting to \$283,878.83.

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**William H. Bechstein**, president of the Mokena State Bank ranks high among the leading business men of the community. He was born in Frankfort Township, Will County, Feb. 13, 1872, the son of Robert and Philipina (Jacob) Bechstein.

Robert Bechstein, deceased, was a native of Will County, and the son of Henry and Sophia (Hohman) Bechstein, natives of Germany, and

early settlers of Illinois. Robert Bechstein followed farming throughout his life and specialized in the raising of grain. He died Oct. 8, 1881, at the age of 31 years. He was a Republican and a member of St. John's Evangelical Church. Philipina (Jacob) Bechstein, who died June 20, 1920, was the daughter of William and Catherine (Koehler) Jacob, natives of Germany. The Jacob's were pioneer settlers of Mokena, Ill., where Mr. Jacob was a well known cafe owner. To Mr. and Mrs. Bechstein were born three children: William H., the subject of this sketch; Catherine, deceased, was the wife of Warren Harper, of Kent, Wash.; and Robert A., lives in Chicago.

William H. Bechstein attended the public schools of Mokena, having come here with his mother when he was nine years old. He was employed in the grain business of John A. Hatch for a short time, and later went to Chicago where he attended the Metropolitan Business College. He began his business career at Seneca, Ill., as a bookkeeper for M. J. Hogan, grain dealer, and in 1902 returned to Mokena, where he purchased the grain, coal and feed business of John A. Hatch. Three years later he sold this business to Liess Brothers, and purchased a third interest in the business of M. J. Hogan, at Seneca, Ill., becoming treasurer of the company. In 1907 Mr. Bechstein disposed of his share in the business and returned to Mokena, at that time buying the interests of Liess Brothers. He conducted this business as the William H. Bechstein Grain Company until 1926, at which time it was disposed of to Cappel Brothers. Mr. Bechstein was one of the organizers of the Mokena State Bank in August, 1909, and served as the bank's first secretary. In January, 1925, he was elected president of the bank.

Mr. Bechstein was married (first) in 1895 to Miss Emma Cappel, the daughter of John Cappel. She is deceased. To this union were born three children: Alma, married George H. Cooper, Jr., lives at St. Petersburg, Fla., and they have a son, George III.; Ruby, died in 1918, buried at Mokena; and Edna, married Arthur Kries, lives at Joliet, and they have a daughter, Irene. In 1922 Mr. Bechstein married Miss Rose Oswald, the daughter of Erhardt and Sophia Oswald, natives of Germany. Mr. Oswald is deceased and his widow lives at Mokena.

Mr. Bechstein is a Republican, a member of St. John's Evangelical Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge, and Modern Woodmen of America.

**Andrew Lindborg**, president of the Union Pure Ice & Coal Company, is a widely known citizen and popular business man of Joliet. He was born at Schmolin, Sweden, June 6, 1870, a son of Peter and Christina (Swanson) Lindborg.

Peter Lindborg was a stone cutter by trade and at the time of his death in 1873 was living in Germany. His wife is also deceased. They were the parents of the following children: Carl, farmer, lives at Yempelin, Sweden; Alfred, died in 1918, buried in Elmhurst Cemetery, Joliet; Andrew, the subject of this sketch; Otto, died in 1922, buried in Chicago, was a Spanish American War veteran, having served in the U. S. Navy; Mrs. L. Holmborg, lives in Sweden; and Augusta, deceased.

Andrew Lindborg was three years old when his father died. As a boy he worked in a saw mill and later was employed in a dairy plant. He came to this country in 1888 and settled at Joliet, where he was employed as a laborer in the stone quarry of N. D. Connors. He later entered the employ of the American Wire & Steel Company at the Lockport plant, and in 1892 removed to Chicago, where he was employed as an engineer by the Sellinger & Mayer Dry Goods Company. Mr. Lindborg spent some time in North Dakota and upon his return to Joliet was connected with the Elgin-Joliet and Eastern Railroad. He later reentered the employ of the American Wire & Steel Company and was also associated in the restaurant business at Lockport with Anthony Olson. He later was interested in the restaurant business in Joliet, being the proprietor of the East Side Buffet on Cass Street until 1919. In 1913 Mr. Lindborg established the Union Coal, Transfer & Warehouse Company at 515 Cass Avenue. It was incorporated in 1915 and Mr. Lindborg was made president. Five years later the plant was removed to its present location at 50-52 Henderson Avenue. A 40 ton ice plant was erected in 1921, and at the present time the plant has an 80 ton capacity. The firm which is now known as the Union Pure Ice & Coal Company is incorporated at \$50,000.00, and has an extensive trade in Joliet and the surrounding community.

In July, 1903, Mr. Lindborg was united in marriage with Miss Selma Larsen, the daughter of Louis and Bethilda (Pearson) Larsen, the former a native of Denmark, and the latter of Sweden. Mr. and Mrs. Larsen are residents of Rockdale, Pa. For many years he was employed by the American Wire & Steel Company. There are seven children in the Larsen family: Selma Lindborg; Hulgur, lives at Joliet; Harold,

a World War veteran, lives at Joliet; Hattie, at home; Harry, a World War veteran, having served with the U. S. marine corps, lives at Joliet; Hilga, married Clarence P. Tindall, lives at Joliet; and Hazel, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Lindborg have three children: Sigred, married Russell Barron, lives at Joliet; Lloyd, associated with his father's business; and Laura, attends Joliet Township High School.

Mr. Lindborg is a Republican, a member of the English Lutheran Church and belongs to the Elks Lodge, Loyal Order of Moose and Chamber of Commerce.

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**Hon. George F. Sehring.**—A lifelong resident of the city of Joliet, Hon. George F. Sehring is well known to its citizens as a man of integrity and ability who has been identified with a number of leading enterprises, and whose business talents have been enlisted in the cause of public service much to the betterment of the community. In the capacity of mayor, an office in which he has served since the spring of 1923, he has established a splendid record for his business like method of handling conditions which have come under his jurisdiction.

Mayor Sehring was born at Joliet, Feb. 21, 1872, and is a son of Frederick and Eloise (Bez) Sehring, natives of Germany, the father being born in the Province of Hesse-Darmstadt. The parents were married in their native land and shortly thereafter emigrated to the United States, and took up their residence at Mokena, Ill. Mr. Sehring became prominent in his community and served for a time as county recorder of Will County. After moving to Joliet he was a candidate for state senator. Having learned the art of brewing in his native land, he followed that calling in this country and finally purchased the Columbia Brewery, which he conducted successfully until his death in 1892. His widow survived him until 1911. They were the parents of the following children: Susan, lives at San Francisco, Calif.; Louis J., lives at Joliet; Margaret, married Henry F. Prepiepenbenk, lives at Joliet; Henry, died in 1926; Herman, deceased; Anna, married Dr. Poehner, lives at San Francisco; and George F., the subject of this sketch.

George F. Sehring attended the public schools of Joliet and after graduating from the high school as a member of the class of 1891 he took a business course at the Metropolitan Business College of Chicago.





HON. GEORGE F. SEHRING



He secured his first employment as collector for the Will County National Bank, where he rose to receiving teller and then to paying teller, but in 1904 resigned his position to become cashier and collector of the Fred Sehring Brewing Company. In 1922, because of national prohibition, the brewing company ceased business, and since then Mr. Sehring has centered his energies in looking after his large interests of a business and financial character and in attending to his official duties. In 1905 he was elected city treasurer, a position in which he served during 1905 and 1906, and in the spring of 1923 he was elected Mayor of Joliet.

Mr. Sehring is a Lutheran in religious faith and has a number of fraternal and civic connections.

On Nov. 4, 1896, Mr. Sehring was united in marriage with Miss Louisa Kramer of Joliet, the daughter of Frank and Mary (Weber) Kramer, natives of Germany. Mrs. Sehring died July 25, 1925. She was a member of the Catholic Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Sehring the following children were born: Margaret, deceased, was the wife of Joseph Smith; Gertrude, married Joseph F. Lennon, lives at Joliet; Fred, who is engaged in the candy business in Joliet, married Edna May French of Joliet; George H., who is a medical student at the University of Michigan; and Louise, married on June 14, 1926, to John Cassidy of Joliet. He is associated in business with his father, Charles Cassidy, who conducts the J. O. Gorman Company, one of the pioneer wholesale and retail fruit businesses in Joliet.

Mayor Sehring married, July 28, 1928, Miss Josephine Barrett, born in Joliet March 14, 1893, a daughter of Patrick Barrett, retired, resides in Joliet, Ill. Mrs. Sehring is a graduate of St. Mary's Academy, Joliet, Ill., and was employed by the E. J & E. R. R. offices for 11 years, previous to her marriage.

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**Charles R. French, D. D. S.**—The dental profession has an able exponent at Joliet in Dr. French, a skilled practitioner, with offices in the Auditorium Building. He was born in this city, Aug. 3, 1892, a son of Edward and Ella (Haney) French.

Edward French was born at Odell, Ill., March 26, 1858, the son of Joseph and Catherine (Robinson) French. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph French were natives of Bennington, Vt., and pioneer settlers of Illinois, where Mr. French was a prosperous farmer. He was the owner of the first

steel plow used in this State. Edward French spent his boyhood on his father's farm and in early youth entered the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad at Odell. He has been in the service of this company for 47 years and is now a passenger conductor. Mr. French is a Republican and belongs to the Knights of Pythias. His wife, who was born at Joliet, was the daughter of John and Bridget Haney, both natives of Ireland. Mr. French's mother was a second cousin of Admiral Dewey of the U. S. Navy, and also a relative of the first governor of Vermont. She taught school at her residence in Odell, Ill. To Edward and Ella (Haney) French were born four children: Fred C., lives at Joliet; Harry E., died Sept. 16, 1914; Charles R., the subject of this sketch; and Ella, a graduate of St. Francis Academy, married George Bartz, lives at Joliet.

Following his attendance at Joliet Township High School for a term of two years, Charles R. French entered the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad in their general offices at Chicago. Subsequently he entered the Chicago Dental College from which he was graduated in 1912. He then came to Joliet, where he has established an excellent practice.

In 1915 Dr. French was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Evans, the daughter of Henry and Anna (Donley) Evans, of Joliet. Mr. Evans is deceased and his widow lives in this city. Dr. and Mrs. French have one child, Laverne, born June 2, 1917.

Politically Dr. French is a Republican. He holds membership in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Psi Omega fraternity, and Holy Name Society. He also belongs to the Will and Grundy County Dental Society, Illinois State Dental Society, and American Dental Association.

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**Richard Hensel.**—Active and progressive in business, Richard Hensel is prominent in Mokena, where he is a druggist. He was born in Chicago, Ill., Aug. 18, 1868, the son of Richard and Fredericka (Mast) Hensel.

Richard Hensel, deceased, was a native of Germany. He was the son of Peter von Henseldorf, who was a member of the German Reichstag. Mr. Hensel was a cigar maker by trade and after his arrival in the United States in 1861 engaged in the manufacture of cigars in Chicago. His factory and business were completely destroyed in the

Chicago fire. Mr. Hensel is deceased and is buried in New York. His wife is buried at Mokena. There were three sons in the Hensel family; Richard, the subject of this sketch; Arthur, died March 8, 1928, in Chicago, Ill.; and Otto, wholesale candy manufacturer, Los Angeles, Calif.

The boyhood of Richard Hensel was spent in Mokena, where he attended the public schools. He clerked in the grocery store of a Mr. Ducker. He later was employed in the Frank Baumgartner dairy, and then became interested in the drug business in the store of Dr. F. W. Searles. Mr. Hensel went to Chicago to study pharmacy in the store of Edward Merz, now owner of Sergeant's Drug Store in Chicago. Mr. Hensel later went as drug buyer for Sol Klein and finally established a business of his own at 48th and Lake streets, Chicago. In 1923 he disposed of this store and came to Mokena, where he established his present business.

In 1892 Mr. Hensel was united in marriage with Miss Emma Kappel, the daughter of Fred and Carrie (Schwesi) Kappel, natives of Germany and early settlers of Will County. They are deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Hensel were born five children: Violet, married Henry Heran, lives in Chicago, and they have a son, Richard; Ethel, employed in the Federal Reserve Bank, Chicago; Ruth, married Leonard Grosse, lives in Chicago; Richard, deceased; and Carrie Louise, lives in Chicago.

Mr. Hensel is a Republican and is serving his second term as justice of the peace. He is a member of the Lutheran Church and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge.

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**Harry F. Mall**, manager of the Frank Mall Lumber Company, is a representative business man of Mokena. He was born in Aurora, Ill., July 15, 1883, a son of Frank and Sarah (Schank) Mall.

Frank Mall, deceased, was born March 25, 1889, at Spelling, Germany. In 1886 he came to the United States and settled on a farm near Oswego, Ill. In 1868 he removed to Aurora, Ill., where he engaged in the building contract work until 1898. In that year he embarked in the lumber business and had a large lumber yard. Today it is one of the largest in Aurora. In 1909 Mr. Mall purchased a lumber yard in Mokena from George J. Hacker, which was a small yard at that time.

Mr. Mall died Jan. 12, 1912, and is buried at Aurora, Ill. He was a Republican and a member of the Evangelical Church. His widow, a native of Oswego, Ill., now lives at Aurora. To this union five children were born: Albert, president, Frank Mall Lumber Company, Aurora; Robert, manager, Frank Mall Lumber Company, Aurora; Margaret, married Joseph Lord, lives at Aurora; Harry T., the subject of this sketch; and Franklin, deceased.

Harry F. Mall graduated from Aurora High School in 1900, after which he took a course in Allen's Metropolitan Business College. After leaving school he went to Michigan and Wisconsin where he followed the lumber business. Later he was in business for himself at Seattle, Wash., also in real estate. In 1909 he returned East and located in Mokena, where he assumed the management of the Frank Mall Lumber Company. The plant is one of the largest of its kind in this section. The company also handles farm implements, coal, and builders supplies.

In 1919 Mr. Mall was united in marriage with Miss Mabel Hirsch, a daughter of Frank Hirsch, a retired cafe owner of Mokena.

Mr. Mall is a Republican. Both he and his wife are members of the Evangelical Church, in which Mrs. Mall is an active worker.

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**Emil D. Cappel.**—One of the representative and substantial men of Will County, is Emil D. Cappel, who is serving as Highway Commissioner for Frankfort Township. He was born at Mokena, Jan. 29, 1884, a son of John and Elizabeth (Werner) Cappel.

John Cappel, deceased, was born in Frankfort, Will County, May 26, 1846, and died in 1896. He was a prominent stockman of the county, and the owner of a large farm known as the Brummond farm, at Mokena. He was greatly interested in all township and county affairs, and served as deputy sheriff for four years. He was township collector one year, and township clerk for six years, and a member of St. John's Evangelical Church. His widow, also a native of Will County now resides at Mokena. To Mr. and Mrs. Cappel 11 children were born: Julia, deceased; Emma, deceased, was the wife of William Bechstein; John, a stock dealer, Mattoon, Ill.; Willie, deceased; George, deceased; Andrew, Mokena; Emil D., the subject of this sketch; Alma, married

August Hauck, Mokena; Fred, Mokena; Ida, married Peter Manche, Mokena; and Albert, Mokena.

John Cappel was a son of Frederick Cappel, who was born in Germany, and an early settler of Will County. Frankfort township, Will County, was named by him, in honor of Frankfort on the Main, where he was born. He was an agriculturist, and is buried at Mokena.

Emil D. Cappel attended the public schools of Mokena. He then engaged in farming and after the World War purchased 116 acres of land, all under cultivation, which was known as the John Scheweser farm. Mr. Cappel does winter stock feeding. He was elected highway commissioner on the People's ticket in 1924 and in 1928 was reelected by one of the largest majorities ever given a candidate in the township. He served as tax collector for two years and filled this office capably.

In 1903 Mr. Cappel was united in marriage with Miss Emma Martie, a daughter of John and Louisa (Sass) Martie, natives of Germany, and later residents of Mokena. Both are deceased and buried in St. John's Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Cappel have three children: Myrtle, Elmer, and Mildred, all at home. Mr. Cappel's home is located on the Tinley Park Road, one and one-quarter miles east of Mokena.

Mr. Cappel is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and the family hold membership in St. John's Evangelical Church.

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**Fred Cappel**, senior member of the firm of Cappel Brothers, dealers in grain, feed, coal, salt, and tile, at Mokena, is one of the live, progressive men of that city. He was born in Mokena, Sept. 27, 1887, a son of John and Elizabeth (Werner) Cappel, a complete sketch of whom appears in Emil D. Cappel sketch.

Fred Cappel attended the public schools and worked on his father's farm until he was 21 years of age. In 1908 he entered the employ of the Joliet and Eastern Electric Railway as a conductor, running between Aurora, Ill., and Chicago Heights. In 1916 he resigned this position in order to operate his mother's farm. On Aug. 7, 1926, in partnership with his brother, Albert Cappel, he purchased the business of William Bechstein, which they have since successfully conducted under the name of Cappel Brothers.

In 1913 Mr. Cappel was married to Miss Luella May Karch, a daughter of Jacob Karch. Mr. Karch, who was a dealer in farm implements at Frankfort, Ill., is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Cappel have a daughter, Helen Katherine, a student.

Mr. Cappel is a Republican, a member of St. John's Evangelical Church, and is secretary, treasurer and a trustee of St. John's Cemetery Association. He is also a member of Matteson Lodge, A. F. and A. M. No. 175, and the Modern Woodmen of America.

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**Albert C. Cappel**, junior member of the firm of Cappel Brothers, is one of the prominent young business men of Mokena. He was born here on Jan. 12, 1891, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Werner) Cappel.

A sketch of John Cappel appears in the biography of Emil D. Cappel.

Albert C. Cappel was reared on his mother's farm and attended the public schools of Mokena. He followed farming all his life until 1927, when he engaged in business with his brother. He had a farm of 129 acres, all of which was under cultivation except 25 acres. He was also interested in the dairy business, which he sold in 1928. On Aug. 7, 1926, he became a member of the firm of Cappel Brothers.

In 1915 Mr. Cappel was married to Miss Clara A. Yunker, a daughter of Chris and Earnestine (Parchert) Yunker. Mr. Yunker, who was an agriculturist, is deceased, and his widow resides in Mokena. To Mr. and Mrs. Cappel three children were born; Wesley E., Harold, and Marvin, all students. Mrs. Cappel died April 9, 1925, and is buried in St. John's Cemetery, Mokena.

Mr. Cappel is a Republican, a member of St. John's Evangelical Church, and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, and Matteson Lodge, A. F. and A. M. No. 175.

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**George J. Hacker.**—Among the prominent men in the banking and business life of Mokena and New Lenox is George J. Hacker, who bears the name of an honored pioneer family of Will County. He was born in Mokena, June 22, 1874, a son of Charles and Maria (Mau) Hacker.

When mere children Charles and Marie Hacker came to this country from Germany with their parents, who located in Mokena, and where



they were reared and were married. Charles Hacker was a trusted employe of the Rock Island Railroad where he served 45 years. He was a veteran of the Civil War, having served in the Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was wounded while in service in North Carolina, and was honorably discharged. He died in 1916 and his wife in 1927. They are both buried in St. John's Cemetery, Mokena. He was a member of St. John's Evangelical Church, a member of the Village Board of trustees, and the G. A. R. In politics he was a Republican. There were five children in the Hacker family: Louisa, married Herman Wilde, lives in Joliet; Charles J., Mokena; George J., the subject of this sketch; Minnie, married John Hauck, Joliet; and Philip, a contractor builder, lives at Mokena.

George J. Hacker attended the public schools of Mokena, and then learned the carpenter's trade which he followed for four years. He then engaged in building until 1900, in which year he started a lumber yard. He conducted this with success and in 1909 sold his business to the Frank Mall Lumber Company.

In 1909 he engaged in the real estate business, specializing in the erection and selling of houses. He was one of the original stockholders of the Mokena State Bank, and in 1921 was made its cashier. He resigned this position in 1927. He is one of the directors of the bank. In 1919 Mr. Hacker assisted in organizing the Orland State Bank, of Orland, Ill., and served as a member of the auditing committee of the bank. In 1927 he was one of the organizers of the New Lenox State Bank, at New Lenox, and is a director. Mr. Hacker also opened and developed Brookwood Park, a subdivision of New Lenox. On April 1, 1928, with two business associates, he organized the New Lenox Lumber and Hardware Company, at New Lenox, Ill.

In 1900 Mr. Hacker was married to Miss Fannie Barnes, a daughter of Henry and Mary (Rix) Barnes, natives of England, where they were married. They located in Frankfort Township, Will County, where Mr. Barnes was engaged in farming. They are now deceased and are buried in Marshall Cemetery, Mokena. Mr. and Mrs. Hacker have four children: Eunice, married Frank Valy, lives at New Lenox, and they have two sons, George and Glen; Myrtle, married Ceward W. Batson, New Lenox; Muriel, and Evelyn, at home. Myrtle and Muriel are twins.

Mr. Hacker is a Republican. He has served as supervisor of Frankfort Township, and has been chairman of the board of trustees of

Mokena for years. The family are members of St. John's Evangelical Church.

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**Fred M. Chamberlin.**—A prominent investment banker in Joliet is Fred M. Chamberlin, who is vice president of the Woodruff Securities Company, with offices in the First National Bank Building. He was born in this city, Aug. 30, 1877, a son of George N. and Ella E. (Munger) Chamberlin.

George N. Chamberlin was born in Lockport, Ill., Dec. 20, 1851. He was educated in and graduated from the high school in Lockport, after which he learned telegraphy on the old Caton lines of the Illinois and Mississippi Telegraph Company, which operated and controlled the first telegraph lines in this State. He remained with this company for three years when he entered the employ of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad being located in the telegraphic department at Englewood, Ill., as night operator. He was later transferred to the city offices under the Sherman House in the general freight department, his uncle, Charles M. Gray being assistant general freight agent at that time. He later returned to Lockport and was with Norton & Company in the milling and commission business for four years. In the meantime his father's business had grown so extensive that in 1875 he joined him and remained until his son, Fred M. Chamberlin took over the business. He now resides at Daytona Beach, Florida. His wife died Sept. 3, 1908 and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery. Mr. Chamberlin was a member of Matteson Lodge, A. F. & A. M. No. 175. On Dec. 5, 1876 he was married to Miss Ella E. Munger, a daughter of Charles E. Munger, an old and highly esteemed resident of Joliet. To this union two children were born: Fred M., the subject of this sketch; and Jessie F. Chamberlin.

George N. Chamberlin was the son of Samuel S. and Elizabeth (Gray) Chamberlin. Samuel S. Chamberlin was born in Henrietta, Monroe County, N. Y., Aug. 19, 1817. His father, Luther Chamberlin, was proprietor of the old fashioned tavern known as the Henrietta House, located near Rochester, N. Y. At an early age Samuel S. Chamberlin entered the Monroe Academy where he acquired his education. At the age of 16 years he left New York with his father and brother Lewis L. Chamberlin, for Illinois. They started in January, 1833, and Mr. Chamberlin rode the entire distance on an Indian pony. They reached Chicago,



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the only Indian trading station along the route, and there remained for a few days, after which they proceeded southward, making a settlement near Hickory Creek. It took one month to make the trip. Luther Chamberlin made a claim on government land, remaining there until 1837 when he removed to Peoria County, Ill. Samuel S. Chamberlin continued his education as a student in Jubilee College, near Peoria, and was graduated. In 1844 the family removed to Lockport, Ill.

Samuel S. Chamberlin began business as an architect and builder, contracting for warehouses and buildings. He erected the large warehouse of Norton & Company, of Lockport, Ill. In 1847 he established a furniture and undertaking business, erecting new buildings for his business. In 1854 during the cholera siege he worked day and night for a month. In 1873 he removed his business to Joliet, taking in his son George N. Chamberlin as a partner. In 1885 the furniture department was discontinued.

Samuel S. Chamberlin was married in 1839 to Elizabeth Gray, who died April 11, 1889. He died Dec. 4, 1897. They had two sons, George N., and Charles G. Chamberlin.

Fred M. Chamberlin attended the public schools of Joliet and the Joliet High School, and as a young man entered the office of the late George H. Munroe, real estate. In 1893 he came to the First National Bank as a collector. In 1899 he left the bank and took charge of the Geo. N. Chamberlin & Son undertaking establishment, in which business he still retains an interest. In 1919 Mr. Chamberlin became vice president of the Woodruff Securities Company. In 1919 Mr. Chamberlin took as a partner in his undertaking business, D. S. Sloan, and the concern is known as Chamberlin & Sloan.

In 1900 Mr. Chamberlin was united in marriage with Miss Katherine Reed, a daughter of Loyal W. Reed, of Springfield, Ill., the latter is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlin have a daughter, Frances, a graduate of Elmhurst School, Connersville, Ind., now at home. The family are members of Christ Episcopal Church.

Mr. Chamberlin belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, of which he served as president for two years; is a director of the First National Bank; and the Joliet Country Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with Matteson Lodge, A. F. & A. M. No. 175, of which he was master in 1904-05; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. 27; Joliet Commandery, K. T. No. 4; and Oriental Consistory, A. A. S. R.

**Henry Stellwagen**, proprietor of Stellwagen's Shop, Mokena, is well known in the borough's political and fraternal circles. He was born in Orland Township, Cook County, Ill., July 7, 1865, a son of Mathias and Margaret (Stellwagen) Stellwagen.

Mathias Stellwagen was born in Heimersheim, Germany, as was also his wife. He came to the United States in 1842 and located at Wilkes Barre, Pa. In 1844 he came to Frankfort Township, Will County, Ill., and was one of its pioneer settlers. He followed farming and stock-raising. He was married to Margaret Stellwagen, on June 2, 1859, at Joliet. He died July 17, 1888, and she died April 14, 1913. They are buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Frankfort Township. There were six children in the Stellwagen family: 1. William, born April 21, 1860, died Aug. 14, 1925. 2. John, born Aug. 23, 1861, a retired farmer of Orland Township, Cook County, Ill. 3. Caroline, married Fred Marti. She is deceased and he lives at Frankfort, Ill. 4. Henry, the subject of this sketch. 5. Philip J., born April 24, 1874, a farmer, in Frankfort Township. 6. George A., born Dec. 27, 1875, a farmer, Frankfort Township.

Henry Stellwagen was educated in the township schools of Orland Township. He learned the harness maker's trade from Philip Knater at Frankfort, Ill., where he remained five years. In 1894 he came to Mokena where he conducted a harness shop and later a livery stable, also. He still conducts the harness business and auto livery, and storage garage.

In 1894 Mr. Stellwagen was united in marriage with Miss Jennie Hatch, a daughter of John A. and Nancy M. (McGovney) Hatch.

John A. Hatch was born in Frankfort Township, Will County, in 1842. He died July 17, 1920. His wife, who was born at Mokena, died July 1, 1927. Both are buried in Marshall Cemetery, New Lenox Township, Will County. Mr. Hatch conducted a general store and was also in the grain elevator business. He was a veteran of the Civil War, a member of the Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served during the entire period of the war. He was a prominent citizen of Mokena, and a member of U. S. Grant Post, G. A. R. Mr. and Mrs. Hatch were the parents of the following children: 1. Jennie, born April 28, 1867. 2. Emma, born Sept. 21, 1872, died March 14, 1889. 3. Nannie, born Aug. 11, 1874, married Samuel J. Fulton, Joliet. 4. John O., born July 10, 1877, Altadena, Calif. 5. Grace, born Feb. 16, 1880, married George E. Pitt-

away, Auburn Park, Chicago, Ill. 6. Etta, born Oct. 22, 1882, married Herman Grassle, Coal City, Ill. 7. Elbert R., born Sept. 11, 1884, Keokuk, Iowa. 8. Lois V., born April 5, 1887, married Thomas W. Harvey, Joliet. 9. Alfred Clinton, born Nov. 8, 1889, a veteran of the World War, having served in France with the 2nd Division, and was in the Army of Occupation, lives at Mokena.

Mr. Stellwagen is a Republican, and fraternally is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America, Court of Honor, Royal Neighbors, and Woodmen's Accident Association. He has an excellent standing in the town and is highly esteemed.

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**Nicholas Lauffer**, a retired farmer and highly esteemed citizen of Mokena, was born in Frankfort Township, Will County, March 15, 1853, a son of George and Eva (Utzinger) Lauffer.

George Lauffer was born in Germany where he was engaged in farming. He came to the United States and settled in Frankfort Township in July, 1846. As he had no work that fall he walked all the way to St. Louis seeking employment. The next fall he returned to Frankfort where he followed farming and became very successful. In 1869 he removed to Homer Township, Will County, where he bought a farm of 685 acres. He also owned 160 acres of land in Cook County, Orland Township. Besides farming he was also engaged in stock raising on a large scale. He was a Democrat and a member of St. John's Evangelical Church. His wife was also born in Germany. They were married in Illinois, and to their union six children were born: Sarah, the widow of John Falk, lives at Orland, Ill.; Nicholas, the subject of this sketch; George, deceased; Caroline, the widow of Nick Marti, lives in Frankfort Township; Daniel, lives at Homer, Ill.; and Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of Albert Mårti, who resides at Homer, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Lauffer are both deceased and are buried in Mokena.

George Lauffer was the son of Philipina Lauffer, who came to the United States and resided with her son George. She died in 1863 and was the first person to be buried in the Mokena Cemetery.

Nicholas Lauffer was educated in the public schools of Frankfort Township. He remained on his father's farm until he was 29 years of age, when he purchased a farm of his own consisting of 160 acres. He

was a stock raiser and also did general farming. He continued to buy land until he had a farm of 360 acres. In June, 1912, Mr. Lauffer retired from the farm and purchased a home in Mokena.

In 1880 Mr. Lauffer was married to Miss Florence Sayers, a daughter of John and Harriet (Goddard) Sayers, natives of England, where they were married. They came to the United States in 1842 and settled in New Jersey. In 1844 they came to Illinois where Mr. Sayers engaged in farming. They are now deceased and are buried in Cook County, Ill. To Mr. and Mrs. Lauffer six children were born: Ella, married Elmer Cooper, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history; Arthur, and Charles, both engaged in farming, in Homer Township; Elsie, married Harrison Haley, a farmer, Ford County, Ill.; Viola, married Barney Hastert, lives at Mokena; and Lester, deceased.

Mr. Lauffer has been prominent in the affairs of his township and county. He is a Republican and has filled the office of school director and road commissioner. He and his family are estimable people and have the esteem of their entire community.

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**Charles E. Hirsch**, a well known and excellent citizen of Will County, was born in Mokena, April 24, 1859, the son of Charles and Philipine (Worthmiller) Hirsch.

Charles Hirsch was born in Germany, as was also his wife. He came to the United States with his father, Karl Hirsch, who settled in Frankfort Township, Will County, on July 4, 1847. The latter followed farming and was well known in the county. He is buried in Mokena. His son, Charles Hirsch, attended the public schools and when a young man engaged in buying live stock and grain. He later established a general merchandise store in Mokena which he conducted for many years. At his father's death he purchased the homestead from the other heirs and was engaged in farming. He had lived retired for some time prior to his death. He was a Republican and a member of St. John's Evangelical Church. For many years he served on the school board as director, and was holding that office when the present school was built. To Charles and Philipine (Worthmiller) Hirsch five children were born: Charles E., the subject of this sketch; Bertha, married Benjamin Marti, lives in Los Angeles, Calif.; Frank E., lives at Mokena;



Julius, 1st, died in 1869; and Julius G., 2nd, died Jan. 31, 1928. Mrs. Hirsch was also born in Germany and came to the United States when a young child with her parents.

Charles E. Hirsch was educated in the public schools of Mokena, and attended Cook County Normal School. He then engaged in the buying and selling of grain in Iowa, later going to Chicago, where with his brother Julius, he became a trader in live stock at the Chicago stock yards. Upon the death of their father they returned to Mokena and settled on the farm where they still continued their live stock trade, as well as operating the farm. In 1925 Mr. Hirsch retired from active business.

Mr. Hirsch is a Republican, a member of St. John's Evangelical Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Hirsch has many friends in Mokena where he has practically lived since boyhood.

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**Harvey H. Reab**, a well known young business man of Mokena, and proprietor of Reab's Market, is a native of Illinois. He was born in Colona, Henry County, July 10, 1893, a son of Herschel Clifford and Mary Jane (McHenry) Reab.

Herschel Clifford Reab, deceased, was born in Dayton, Ill. After leaving school he worked on the Rock Island Railroad and was made foreman of the bridge gang. In 1917 he removed to Galena Junction, Ill., where he was lock tender for the State of Illinois. He resigned this position in 1919 and removed to Colona, where he died in 1920. He is buried at Dayton, Ill. His widow resides at Colona. He was a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and had served as village trustee of Colona. There were eight children in the Reab family: James, a contractor, Corvallis, Ore.; William, East Moline, Ill.; Clyde, deceased; Emma, lives at Lincoln, Neb.; Lula and Lilly, twins. Lula married Fred Jordan, lives at Coal Valley, Ill.; and Lilly, married William Darrow, lives at Peoria, Ill.; Harvey H., the subject of this sketch; and Ruth, deceased, buried in Colona.

Harvey H. Reab was educated in the public and high schools of Colona. He then worked as a member of the bridge and paint gang on the Rock Island Railroad for a time. He later removed to Frankfort

Township, Will County, and worked on a farm. In 1917 he went to Round Up, Mont., and engaged in ranch work, being foreman of the M. and L. Ranch for one year, and then returned to Mokena, where he was employed by the Bowman Dairy Company. On July 1, 1927, Mr. Reab established his present business. He handles choice Western and domestic meats, and also carries a high grade of canned goods.

In 1922 Mr. Reab was united in marriage with Miss Rosa Liess, a daughter of John and Mary (Marti) Liess. Mr. Liess was reared on a farm. For many years he has been a land agent and also engaged in the insurance business. He has been active in the affairs of his township and county. He is a Republican and has held the offices of township clerk, township treasurer, collector of taxes, and at present is serving as treasurer of Mokena, where he resides. His wife is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Reab have a daughter, Winona, born Jan. 12, 1924.

Mr. Reab is a Republican, a member of St. John's Evangelical Church, the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Ancient Order of Gleaners.

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**John Cappel**, well known retired farmer, now living one-quarter mile south of Mokena, was born in this city, Aug. 26, 1862, a son of Fred and Katherina (Schweser) Cappel.

Fred Cappel, deceased, was born on the Rhine, in Germany. He came to the United States with his parents when a small boy, the family locating in Frankfort Township, Will County, where the father purchased a farm. He later removed to Greengarden, Ill., where he followed farming. He sold this farm and purchased a cafe in Frankfort which he conducted a year, then removed to Three Points, Joliet Township, where he operated a cafe for five years. He went to Perry, Dallas County, Iowa, where he engaged in farming for five years. From there he went to Laurelville, Calhoun County, Iowa, remaining a year, later going to Ridgway, Mo., where he purchased a farm, and remained for six years. He was engaged in farming for two years in Kimball, S. D., from there going to Woodbury County, Ia. He returned to Mokena, where he died in 1888. He was a Democrat and held various public offices. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. There were eight children in the Cappel family: Katherina, Emma, Louise, Mary, Fred, all deceased; Christie, married George Lang, Chicago; Carrie married

Fred Yunker, Mokena; and John, the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Cappel, who was born in Luxemburg, Germany, died in 1883, and is buried at Ridgway, Mo.

John Cappel was educated in the public schools of Mokena. He traveled all through the West with his father and returned to Mokena in 1884, where he worked for John Cappel, buying cattle and farming. He later engaged in business for himself buying and selling cattle and hogs. He continued in this business until 1926 when he retired.

In 1895 Mr. Cappel was married to Elizabeth Stork, a daughter of George and Nettie Stork, natives of Germany, and later residents of Mokena. They are both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Cappel have two children: Carrie, married Gilbert Hurley, of Mokena. They have two children, Arthur and Violet; and Walter, a fireman on the Rock Island Railroad, lives at home.

Mr. Cappel is a Republican, and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, and Royal Neighbors. He is a member of St. John's Evangelical Church, and a member of the Cemetery Board of St. John's Cemetery Association.

Mr. Cappel has an excellent standing in the town and is highly esteemed.

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Ben W. Mager is well known in Frankfort where he is a member of the firm of Heusner & Mager, distributors of Willys Knight and Pontiac automobiles. He was born in Orland, Cook County, Ill., June 14, 1884, a son of Jacob and Marie (Gunderman) Mager.

Jacob Mager and his wife were both born in Orland. He was a farmer and stockman in Cook County. Both he and his wife are deceased and are buried in Batchels Grove, Ill. They were the parents of six children: Edward, deceased; Jacob, lives at Blue Island, Ill.; Ben W., the subject of this sketch; George, an agriculturist, Frankfort Township; Marie, married Joseph Kohl, a sketch of whom appears in this history; and Phibibin, married John Sneurstein, lives at Blue Island, Ill.

Ben W. Mager was reared in Orland and attended the public schools, after which he worked on various farms in Cook County. He later bought 160 acres of land, practically all under cultivation. He carried on general farming and dairying and met with success. His farm was

located on the Lincoln Highway, in Will County. He sold his dairy business and farm in 1917 and purchased an interest in a garage business with Mr. Heusner, and they were distributors for the Ford and Overland cars. They now handle the Willys-Knight and Overland cars. They have a well equipped garage and show room and employ three men.

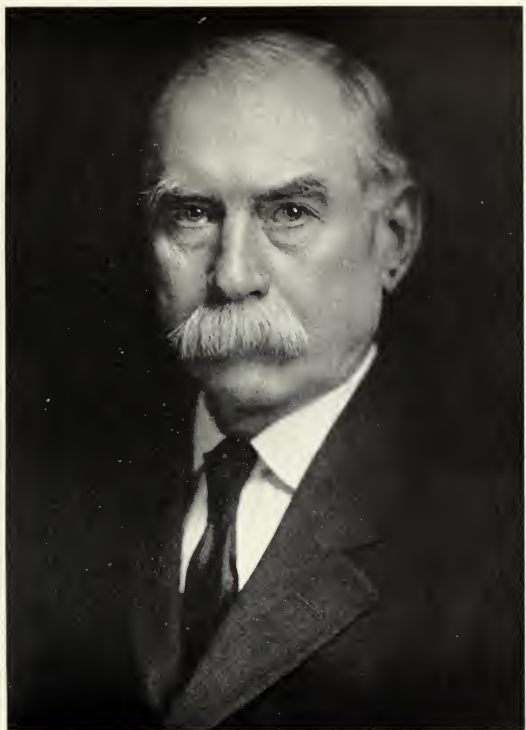
On June 24, 1908, Mr. Mager was married to Miss Amanda Kampe, a daughter of John and Anna (Drowley) Kampe. Mr. Kampe was a farmer and is now deceased. His widow, who was born in Monroe Township, resides in Frankfort. Mr. and Mrs. Mager have one son, LeRoy, born Aug. 4, 1909, a graduate of Joliet High School, is a record clerk in the offices of the Joliet and Eastern Railroad.

Mr. Mager is a Republican, and has been a trustee of the Village Board for two years. The family are members of the Evangelical Church.

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**Patrick C. Haley**, deceased, was a prominent and successful member of the Bar of the State of Illinois, and of Will County in particular, and was one of the liberal and prominent citizens of Joliet.

Mr. Haley was born in Sarinac, Clinton County, New York, March 17, 1849. When he was two years old his parents, the late Thomas and Hannah Haley, pioneer residents of Will County, came to Illinois, settling in Joliet. His education was primarily obtained in this city and after being graduated from the Township High School, he entered the Law School of the University of Michigan, from which University he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws with the class of 1870. During that same year he was admitted to the Bar and commenced the practice of his profession in Joliet. He was active in the politics of the state, and for a number of years was a member of the Democratic State Central Committee. In 1874 his party elected him City Attorney, which office he held for two years. For fourteen years he was a member of the Joliet City Council, being Alderman in the Fifth Ward. In 1891 he was elected Mayor of the City of Joliet, and this position he filled for two years, giving the city an energetic and progressive administration. For twenty-five years Mr. Haley served as Chief Counsel for the Sanitary District of Chicago, and during that time he was engaged in more condemnation cases, and in cases in which the Law of Eminent Domain was involved, than any lawyer in the United States, and at the time of



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his death he was considered the leading authority on the Law of Eminent Domain in Electric Law.

On December 1st, 1875, Mr. Haley was married to Miss Mary A. D'Arcy, a member of a pioneer family in Joliet. Mrs. Haley died on December 25th, 1927, and Mr. Haley's death occurred shortly thereafter on February 21st, 1928. Mr. and Mrs. Haley were the parents of nine children: Margaret; Robert E., an attorney of the Will County Bar, who is a graduate of the University of Michigan, and a veteran of the World War; Raymond A., deceased; Columbia, who is married to W. J. Dooner; Madeline; Genevieve; Paul C., a veteran of the World War, of Akron, Ohio; Angela, now married to Harry P. Keeley; and John P. Haley, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history.

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**John P. Haley**, a veteran of the World War, is one of the rising younger members of the Will County Bar, engaged in practice at Joliet, as a member of the firm of Haley, Haley & Haley, with offices in the Cutting Building. He was born at Joliet, July 19, 1899, the son of Patrick C. and Mary A. (D'Arcy) Haley.

A sketch of Patrick C. Haley appears elsewhere in this history.

John P. Haley acquired his education in the grammar and high schools of Joliet, completing his high school course in 1917. Subsequently he entered the University of Chicago where he received the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy in 1921. That same year he entered the Law School of the University of Chicago and in 1924 received the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence. He was then admitted to the Bar and has since been in practice with his father and brother, Robert E. Haley.

In July, 1918, Mr. Haley enlisted in the U. S. Infantry and was sent to Evanston, Illinois, where he attended the Infantry School at Northwestern University. He was later transferred to Camp Taylor, Ky., where he attended the Officers Training School. He was honorably discharged December 20, 1918.

Mr. Haley is a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and belongs to the American Legion, and Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity. He is identified with the Will County Bar Association, Illinois State Bar Association and American Bar Association. He also belongs to the University Club of Joliet.

**William Lankenau**, president of the Frankfort State Bank, is numbered among the dependable business men of Frankfort. He was born in Greengarden Township, Will County, Nov. 10, 1871, a son of Carsten and Margaret (von Soosten) Lankenau.

Both Carsten Lankenau and his wife were born in Hanover, Germany. He emigrated to the United States in 1843 when he was but sixteen years of age and settled for a time in New York City. He went to Illinois in 1857 and settled first in Frankfort Township, removing to Greengarden Township in 1860. While living in New York he was in the grocery and meat business, but after he came to Will County he engaged in general farming until the time of his death. He was born in 1827 and died in 1899. His wife died in 1905, and they are both buried in Union Cemetery, Greengarden Township. He was a Republican and a member of the Evangelical Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Lankenau eleven children were born: John, Elizabeth, Adeline, all deceased; Catherine, the widow of Adam Holl, resides in Monee, Ill.; Henry and Charles, deceased; Girard J., lives in Frankfort; Caroline, married Philip Stellwagen, lives in Frankfort; William, the subject of this sketch; and two children died in infancy.

William Lankenau attended the public schools of Greengarden Township, and the Frankfort public schools. He remained on his father's farm and followed agricultural pursuits until 1920 when he moved to Frankfort. In 1913 he was one of the organizers of the Frankfort State Bank, and was elected president and a director, and has served in that capacity since.

In 1894 Mr. Lankenau was married to Miss Ida Hilda Illgen, a daughter of Theodore and Adeline Illgen. Mr. Illgen, who was a farmer and stockman, was born in Matteson, Ill. He is deceased. His widow, who was born in Monee Township, Will County, lives at Monee. Mr. and Mrs. Lankenau have three children. 1. Otto, with the Will County National Bank, Joliet, married Sadie Nieland, and they have a daughter, Oleta. 2. Amanda, married Edwin Dralle, an agriculturist, of Peotone Township, Will County, and they have two sons, Ralph and David. 3. Ella, married Richard Oetter, automobile business, Peotone Township.

Mr. Lankenau takes an active interest in all civic affairs. He served as town clerk of Greengarden for six years; supervisor of Greengarden township for eight years; supervisor of Frankfort Township for six



years; Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors for three years; and on the school board of Greengarden Township. His fraternal affiliations are as follows: Mount Joliet Lodge, A. F. and A. M.; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. No. 27; Joliet ommandery, K. T. No. 4; and Modern Woodmen of America. He has served as a trustee of St. Peter's Evangelical Church, of which he is a member. Politically he is a Republican.

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**Frankfort State Bank** of Frankfort, Ill., is one of the small but leading financial institutions of Will County. It was incorporated April 3, 1913, with a capital stock of \$25,000.00. The officers are: William Lankenau, president; Fred Warning, vice president; and J. A. Luhring, cashier. The directors are: J. P. Bauch, Max Haas, William Lankenau, F. J. Kohlhausen, Fred Warning, J. A. Luhring.

The capital stock is \$25,000.00; surplus, \$25,000.00; undivided profits, \$2,579.58; time deposits, \$108,634.97; demand deposits, \$121,794.45; total liabilities, \$280,509.00. Resources: Loans on real estate, \$32,350.00; loans on collateral securities, \$5,280.00; other loans, \$173,331.26; overdrafts, \$10.07; banking house, furniture and fixtures, \$9,105.00; due from banks, cash, and other cash resources, \$60,432.67. Total resources, \$280,509.00.

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**Walter V. Hedges, M. D.**, who has been a resident of Frankfort since 1908, is one of the most successful practitioners of his profession in Will County. He was born in Faribault, Minn., Jan. 19, 1884, the son of Norman and Effie (Walrath) Hedges.

Norman Hedges was born in Stillwater, Minn. He was reared on his father's farm. After his marriage he bought a farm and engaged in general farming and stockraising until his retirement from active business in 1916. He was a Republican and a member of the Episcopal Church. Mr. Hedges died in June, 1926, and is buried at Faribault, Minn. His widow, who was born in Morristown, Minn., lives at Faribault. Mr. and Mrs. Hedges were the parents of five children: Adolphus, a physician, Ridgway, Wis.; Gordon, sales manager for Quaker Oats Company, Minneapolis; Chester, automobile business, Faribault; and Viola, deceased.

Walter V. Hedges graduated from Faribault High School in 1901, after which he attended the University of Minnesota for two years. He prepared for his profession at Hahnemann Medical College, from which he received his degree in 1907. The following year was spent as an interne in the Chicago Memorial Hospital, and in 1908, Doctor Hedges came to Frankfort and engaged in practice. Doctor Hedges took post graduate courses in 1921 at Leeds, England, and the University of Edinboro. During the World War he served as an examiner on the Draft Board of Will County.

In 1920 Doctor Hedges was married to Miss Irma Boyer, a daughter of Walter and Adella Boyer, natives of Redick, Ill., where Mr. Boyer is station agent for the Michigan Central Railroad.

Doctor Hedges is identified with the Will County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. He has served as Health Officer of Frankfort for 19 years, and is on the staff of Silver Cross Hospital, Joliet. Fraternally he is affiliated with Mount Joliet A. F. and A. M. No. 42, Past Master in 1918; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. No. 27; Joliet Council, R. & S. M. No. 82; Joliet Commandery, K. T. No. 4; Medinah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. of Chicago; Joliet Shrine Club; Joliet Country Club; B. P. O. Elks, No. 296, and Phi Alpha Gamma.

Doctor and Mrs. Hedges are members of St. John's Universalist Church, Joliet.

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Christ H. Warning, a well known agriculturist of Will County, is a native of Germany. He was born in Varnow, Mecklenburg, Schwerin, Germany, April 5, 1868, a son of Christ and Marie (Lang) Warning.

Both Christ Warning and his wife were born in Germany. They came to the United States in the fall of 1881 and settled in Mokena, Ill. Mr. Warning worked for the Rock Island Railroad, and later began farming in New Lenox Township, Will County, Ill. He did general farming and stock raising and also operated a dairy. Mrs. Warning died in 1897, and he died in 1907. They are both buried in St. John's Cemetery, Mokena. They were members of St. John's Evangelical Church, and highly respected members of the community. Mr. and Mrs. Warning were the parents of five children: Sophia, married Fred Klott, lives in Mokena; Christ, the subject of this sketch; Fred, a sketch of whom

appears elsewhere in this history; John, in the automobile business, New Lenox, Ill.; and George, Mokena, Ill.

Christ H. Warning attended the public schools of Germany, and came with his parents to the United States in 1881. He worked on a farm, and in 1893 started farming for himself on a rented farm. In 1901 he purchased his present farm, consisting of 160 acres of well improved land, and in 1902 moved to the farm. This place is situated on the Lincoln Highway, two miles west of Frankfort. Since buying this farm Mr. Warning has remodeled the house and barns, and has one of the best farms in this section of the country. Mr. Warning carries on general farming and at one time conducted a large dairy, which he discontinued in 1915.

In 1892 Mr. Warning was married to Miss Elizabeth Clausen, a daughter of Boje and Julia (Grimpsman) Clausen, who were born in Germany, and now reside with Mrs. Warning. To Mr. and Mrs. Warning six children have been born: 1. Ervin, born in 1896, a veteran of the World War, having served in France, married Ethel Schenick, and they have two children, Kenneth and "Buddy". Mr. Warning is now engaged in farming. 2. Edward, a mail carrier, was born July 13, 1898, married Elsa Lankenau, and they have two children, Virginia and Dale. 3. Ella, born in 1900, married Jacob De Porto, engaged in the trucking business, New Lenox, Ill. 4. Walter, born in 1900, married Clara Wachlin, lives in Chicago, where he is with Swift & Company. 5. Elmer, born in 1905. 6. Florence, born in 1907. The two latter are living at home.

Mr. Warning is a Republican and a member of St. John's Evangelical Church. He served as highway commissioner of Frankfort Township for ten years, also on the school board of District No. 158 for many years. He is a dependable citizen and widely known in Will County.

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**Jacob P. Bauch**, one of the highly esteemed citizens of Will County, now living retired in Frankfort, is a native of Illinois. He was born in Frankfort Township, April 23, 1861, the son of Philip and Elizabeth (Schelhassey) Bauch.

Philip Bauch was born near Frankfort, Germany, in 1833. He came to the United States with his parents in 1846 and they settled in Mokena,

Ill., where his father was a farmer. Elizabeth Schelhassey was born in Germany in 1835, and came to this country in 1855 and located in Mokena, Ill. Her parents remained in Germany. After his marriage to Elizabeth Schelhassey in Mokena, Philip Bauch engaged in farming. Later he purchased a farm in Frankfort Township which he operated for many years, doing general farming, stockraising and making butter. He was living retired at Mokena when he died. Both he and his wife are buried there in St. John's Cemetery. Mr. Bauch was a Republican and a member of St. John's Evangelical Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Bauch four children were born: Jacob P., the subject of this sketch; Barbara, married John G. Scheer, a farmer, of New Lenox Township. He died in 1927; Louisa, deceased; and Sarah, married Charles Geuther, lives at Mokena.

Jacob P. Bauch was educated in the public schools of New Lenox Township, after which he worked on his father's farm until he was married. He then bought a farm of 200 acres. He remained on this farm and engaged in stock raising and dairying until 1919, when he removed to Frankfort, and retired. He still owns 120 acres of land.

Mr. Bauch was one of the organizers of the Frankfort State Bank in 1913 and has served as a director since that time. He has been a director of the Frankfort Grain Company since 1914 and was one of its organizers. He is also a director in the Greengarden Fire Insurance Company.

On April 13, 1884, Mr. Bauch was married to Miss Elizabeth Baumgartner, a daughter of John and Mary (Zingg) Baumgartner. The Baumgartner family came from Switzerland and settled in Frankfort Township, Will County, where Mr. Baumgartner was a pioneer farmer and dairyman. Both he and his wife are deceased and are buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Frankfort.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bauch nine children were born. 1. Anna, married Andrew Schroth, a farmer, Frankfort Township. They have three children: Clarence, Dorothy, and Harold. 2. Ida, married William Brookman, a farmer of Manhattan Township, and they have two children, Wilbur and Irene. 3. Emma, with the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, lives in Joliet. 4. Alma, married Walter Martin, of Joliet, and they have a daughter, Mildred. 5. John, a farmer of Frankfort Township, married Clara Brookman, and they have two daughters, Viola, and Eunice. 6. Katie, married Otto Heisner, farmer and dairyman, Frank-

fort Township. They have six children: Ruby, Lester, Lloyd, Katherine, Irene and Ralph. 7. Arthur, in the garage business, Frankfort, married Alma Bettenhausen. They have a daughter, Marjorie. 8. Lillian, assistant pastor, St. Paul, Minn. 9. Elsie, a graduate Joliet Township High School in 1924, graduate nurse Silver Cross Hospital, May 12, 1927; a graduate of Lying-in-Hospital, Chicago, Jan. 15, 1928, lives in Frankfort.

Mr. Bauch is a Republican and a member of St. Peter's Evangelical Church. He is serving as a school trustee and is chairman of the board.

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**John A. Luhring**, widely known throughout Will County as the cashier of the Frankfort State Bank, is a native of Illinois. He was born near New Lenox, May 30, 1877, a son of Christian and Margaret (Haake) Luhring.

Christian Luhring was born in Hanover County, Germany, May 16, 1845, and his wife, Margaret Haake was born in Beryde, Bryon, Germany, Feb. 27, 1846. They were married in Joliet, Ill. Christian Luhring came to the United States about 1868 and located in Joliet where he was employed by John Snoth, of New Lenox Township, who was a dealer in hogs. In 1870 Mr. Luhring removed to New Lennox Township where he remained until 1891 when he purchased a farm in Frankfort Township, Will County, consisting of 160 acres of land where he lived until his death. He was a Democrat and a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church. He died Dec. 1, 1899, and is buried in Frankfort Cemetery, Frankfort, Ill. His widow resides in Frankfort. To Mr. and Mrs. Luhring five children were born: Christian, a farmer, Frankfort Township; Frank, retired, lives at Frankfort; John, the subject of this sketch; Henry, manager of the Frankfort Grain Company, lives at Frankfort; and Amelia, married Paul Christiansen, a dairyman and farmer of Frankfort Township.

John A. Luhring attended the public schools of New Lenox and Frankfort townships. After leaving school he worked on different farms for five years, and then returned home and worked on his father's farm. In 1904 he conducted a farm in Greengarden Township, consisting of 160 acres of land, and did general farming and stock raising and was very successful. In 1911 Mr. Luhring came to Frankfort and pur-

chased a half interest in the Forchan meat market, which was afterwards known as the Forchan & Luhring Meat Market. In 1913 when the Frankfort State Bank was organized he was one of the charter members and was made cashier and a director, which position he still holds.

On Feb. 24, 1904, Mr. Luhring was married to Miss Anna Wilkins, a daughter of Peter and Louisa (Herbst) Wilkins, natives of Germany. The Wilkins family were early settlers of Will County, where Mr. Wilkins was a farmer in New Lennox Township, later removing to Greengarden Township. They are both deceased and are buried in Twining Cemetery, Greengarden, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Luhring have one son, Lloyd Peter, born Jan. 28, 1912, a student in Joliet Township High School.

Mr. Luhring is a Republican. He has served as treasurer of the Village Board for two years; as chairman of the Arrangement Committee of Frankfort Industrial Club; and is a director and treasurer of the Frankfort Hall Company. His fraternal affiliations are with Mount Joliet Lodge, A. F. and A. M. 42; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. No. 27; Joliet Commandery, No. 4 K. T.; and Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. and Mrs. Luhring are members of St. Peter's Evangelical Church, of which he has served as deacon and as treasurer.

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**Edith I. Goodspeed** is among the leading insurance operators of Joliet, where she has successfully engaged in business for 30 years. She was born at Ottawa, Ill., the daughter of Matthew Standish and Theresa (Darrow) Goodspeed.

Matthew Standish Goodspeed was born in Massachusetts, as was his wife. In 1849 he went west across the plains to California and prospected for gold. He remained there eight years and upon his return settled in LaSalle County, Ill., and engaged in farming north of Ottawa. Mr. and Mrs. Goodspeed are deceased and are buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Joliet. They had three children: Clara M., a teacher and insurance agent for many years, now deceased; Stephen A., former justice of the peace and city collector, now lives retired at Joliet; and Edith I., the subject of this sketch.

Edith I. Goodspeed grew up in LaSalle and Will counties and received her early education in the public schools. She later attended the State



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Normal School at Normal, Ill., and was interested in the teaching profession for several years. She began her present insurance agency in 1898 with one company which had no business on its books. She now has one of the leading agencies in the city and besides her insurance work is also extensively interested in the real estate and loan business. Miss Goodspeed is secretary and treasurer of the Joliet Insurance Agents Association and is also active in the Illinois Insurance & Real Estate Board Association.

Miss Goodspeed is a Republican. She holds membership in the Universalist church and belongs to the Business & Professional Women's Club, the Joliet Woman's Club, and the Daughters of Rebecca and Daughters of St. George. Miss Goodspeed is widely known in the city and has a host of friends and acquaintances.

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Archibald Corp is numbered among the dependable business men of New Lenox, where he is a merchant and banker. He was born at Somersetshire, West Pennard, England, Jan. 26, 1886, the son of Henry and Ellen (Swain) Corp.

Henry Corp was born in West Pennard, Eng., in 1847. In 1894 he came to the United States with his family and they located in New Lenox Township where Mr. Corp engaged in general farming until ill health forced him to retire. He died in 1915. His wife, who was born in Southampton, Eng., died in 1918. They are both buried in New Lenox Township. Mr. Corp was a Republican and a member of the Episcopal Church. Mr. and Mrs. Corp were the parents of 13 children, as follows: Robert, retired farmer, Joliet; Edwin died in 1925, is buried in New Lenox; Lucy, deceased, buried in West Pennard, Eng.; Jane, deceased, buried in New Lenox; George, a farmer, lives in New Lenox Township; Mabel, married George Bridge, Elwood, Ill.; Frank, deceased, buried in New Lenox; Charles, died in 1925, buried in New Lenox; Arthur, a farmer, New Lenox Township; Lilly May, married Frank Borden, Manhattan, Ill.; Carrie, deceased, buried in England; Archibald, the subject of this sketch; and Hubert Seth, a contractor, New Lenox Township.

Archibald Corp attended the public schools of West Pennard, England, and of New Lenox, Ill. After leaving school he was employed as

a clerk in the grocery store of H. Batson, and in 1916 purchased Mr. Batson's interest, since which time he has been profitably engaged in this business. On Sept. 18, 1927, Mr. Corp was appointed postmaster of New Lenox. He was one of the organizers and a charter member of the New Lenox State Bank, and is a director of that institution.

On March 7, 1916, Mr. Corp was married to Miss Flossie Styck, a daughter of George and Mary Jane (Siebert) Styck. Mr. Styck, deceased, was a native of Germany, and an early resident of Illinois. He was a captain on the old canal. His widow, who was born at Custer Park, Ill., now resides at New Lenox. Mr. and Mrs. Corp have a daughter, Ardis Jane.

Mr. Corp is a Republican and a member of the Episcopal Church, in which he has been a vestryman for 20 years. Fraternally he is a member of Mount Joliet Lodge, A. F. and A. M. No. 42, and Modern Woodmen of America. In the latter organization he has served as clerk for eight years. As a merchant Mr. Corp has been successful and as a citizen none of his community stands in higher esteem.

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**Ceward C. Batson**, cashier of the New Lenox State Bank, New Lenox, was born in West Pennard, England, Nov. 4, 1873. He is a son of William and Eliza (Swain) Batson, natives of England.

William Batson was a farmer in his native land. In 1884 the family came to the United States and located in New Lenox Township, where he engaged in general farming and stockraising and was the owner of 320 acres of land. He died in 1908 and his wife died in January, 1925, and both are buried in New Lenox cemetery. Mr. Batson was a Republican and a member of the Episcopal Church. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Batson: Sidney, a retired farmer of Joliet Township; Herbert, deceased; Sylvester, a farmer, at Manhattan, Ill.; Jessie, married Henry Pester, now deceased, and she resides at New Lenox; Sarah, married Willis Morris, lives at Los Angeles, Calif.; Ceward C., the subject of this sketch; and Annie, married Charles Parsons, lives in New Lenox Township.

Ceward C. Batson was educated in the public schools of West Pennard, England, and New Lenox, Ill., and then went to Joliet, where he took a course in Putnam's Business College. After leaving school

he returned to his father's farm where he worked for several years. For fifteen years he was a rural mail carrier, and then worked in the offices of the Western Union Telegraph Company for five years. In April, 1928, he was appointed cashier of the New Lenox State Bank. In politics he is a Republican and has served as town clerk for nine years.

In 1898 Mr. Batson was married to Miss Vesta Monk, a daughter of Philip and May (Snyder) Monk. Mr. Monk, deceased, was an agriculturist at Lake Odessa, Mich. His widow resides at Blue Island, Ill. Mrs. Batson died July 7, 1920, and is buried at New Lenox. To Ceward C. and May (Monk) Batson three children were born: Ceward W. served in the U. S. Navy during the World War, married Myrtle Hacker, lives at New Lenox, where he is engaged in the lumber business; Clyde, with Chicago Telephone Company, New Lenox; and Lucile, married William Drake, with Western Union Telegraph Company, New Lenox. Mr. Batson married (second) in 1923 Nellie Gould, a daughter of Charles and Sarah Gould, natives of England, now deceased, and buried in New Lenox. To this marriage one child has been born: Jack Batson, born in 1926.

Mr. Batson is a member of the Episcopal Church in which he has served as vestryman. His fraternal affiliations are with The Modern Woodmen of America, Past Counsel, and Royal Neighbors.

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New Lenox State Bank.—This bank was established Feb. 1, 1927, by a group of far sighted business men for the purpose of conducting a general banking business. The statement of Bank of Feb. 28, 1928, is as follows: Resources: Loans and discounts, \$37,586.80; U. S. Government Investments, \$6,700.00; Bonds, \$11,900.00; Banking house furniture and fixtures, \$15,361.34; Overdrafts, \$11.63; Cash and due from banks, \$18,976.91; Miscellaneous, \$1,634.66. Total Resources, \$92,171.34. Liabilities: Capital stock, \$25,000.00; Surplus, \$2,500.00; Deposits, \$64,671.34. Total Liabilities, \$92,171.34. The officers are: Fred A. Francis, president; Harry W. Storm, vice-president; Ceward C. Batson, cashier; Henry J. Schluntz, secretary. The Directors are: Ceward W. Batson, son of Ceward C. Batson, Archibald Corp, Fred A. Francis, George J. Hacker, John Handorf, Jr., Ernest Oram, Hjalmar Rehn, Henry J. Schluntz, and Harry Storm.

**Robert E. Stephen**, postmaster of Frankfort, Ill., represents one of the prominent and highly respected pioneer families of Will County. He was born at Frankfort, May 11, 1875, the son of E. C. and Emma J. (Haupt) Stephen.

E. C. Stephen, deceased, was born in Peterhead Aberdeenshire, Scotland, July 25, 1838. In 1843 he came to the United States with his parents. The family first settled in Canada where they remained only a year, and then removed to Will County, Ill. He worked on his father's farm in Frankfort Township until 1863 when he taught school for one year. Mr. Stephen then opened a machine and repair shop in partnership with his brother, David S., which partnership continued for 26 years. In 1889 he bought his brother's interest. He was also the owner of a saw, planing, and feed mill in Frankfort, and also dealt in farm implements, and made wooden plows.

On Dec. 31, 1867, E. C. Stephen was married to Miss Emma J. Haupt, who was born in Effingham County, Mich., and to them five children were born: George, lives at Multnomah, Oregon; Joseph, deceased; Robert E., the subject of this sketch; John Otis, Rockford, Ill.; Ida, married George Andrew, of Frankfort. Mrs. Stephen lives in Frankfort. He died in 1921 and is buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Frankfort.

E. C. Stephen was the son of Joseph Stephen who came to the United States in 1843. His wife was Jane Garden. Joseph Stephen studied for the ministry and was a college classmate of Lord Byron, the great English poet. He began his ministerial life in his native shire as pastor of a Baptist Church. In 1843 he went to Canada, and in 1844 to Lockport, Will County, where he died shortly afterwards. His father was William Stephen, a native of Wales, who served in the British Army.

Robert E. Stephen was educated in the public schools of Frankfort, and learned telegraphy in the office of the Michigan Central Railroad at Frankfort. In 1896 he was appointed agent at Spencer for this railroad, and in 1900 was transferred to Dyer, Ind., as agent for the company. He was later sent to Chicago Heights, and then back to Dyer, Ind., and in August, 1906, was transferred to Frankfort, Ill., as agent. In 1912 Mr. Stephen resigned from the railroad and in partnership with William Koerner purchased a general merchandise business. This was conducted successfully for six years, when Mr. Stephen bought Mr. Koerner's interest. In 1925 he sold his merchandise at auction sale and liquidated the business.

In 1914 Mr. Stephen was appointed postmaster in a competitive civil service examination. He stood the highest in the test, and since then has served in this capacity to the satisfaction of all parties.

In 1899 Mr. Stephen was married to Bertha S. Jensen, a daughter of Henry and Anna (Harms) Jensen, natives of Germany. Mr. Jensen was a farmer of New Lenox. He is now deceased and his widow resides in New Lenox, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Stephen have two daughters, Mildred M., at home; and Margaret L., assistant postmaster.

Mr. Stephen is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is fraternally affiliated with Mount Joliet A. F. and A. M. 42; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. No. 27; Joliet Commandery, K. T. No. 4; a charter member and past counsel of the Modern Woodmen of America; Order of Railroad Telegraphers, past Division Chairman Michigan Central Railroad Operators; and secretary of Frankfort-Hall Company.

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Edward G. Maue, deceased, was a leading and well known agriculturist of Frankfort Township and member of a pioneer family of Will County. He was born in Frankfort Township, June 16, 1864, a son of Daniel and Sarah (Mast) Maue.

A complete sketch of the Maue family appears elsewhere in this history.

Edward G. Maue received his education in the public schools of Frankfort Township, and remained on his father's farm until he was 22 years of age. At that time in partnership with his brother George they purchased 120 acres of land which they farmed for ten years, when he bought his brother's interest and conducted the farm himself. He added 40 acres of land, and was the owner of 160 acres. Mr. Maue did general farming and stock raising, as well as dairying, in all of which vocations he had been very successful, until his death which occurred Sept. 18, 1928.

In 1895 Mr. Maue was married to Miss Margaret Schweser, a daughter of John and Barbara (Muff) Schweser, natives of Germany, who came to the United States in 1850 and settled in Frankfort Township. Both Mr. and Mrs. Schweser are deceased and are buried in Hickory Cemetery, Frankfort Township. Mr. and Mrs. Maue have six children: Amanda, married William Schuldt, resides on the old Maue homestead.

They have two children, Evelyn and Elda Mae; Edna, married Benjamin Young, of Frankfort Township, and they have a daughter, Dorothy; Alfred, Edward, Margaret, and Robert, all at home. Mrs. Mane, is now living on her farm in Frankfort township which she will continue to operate with her two sons.

Mr. Maue was a Republican. He served two terms as school director, and later for 15 years was a member of the school board. He belonged to St. John's Evangelical Church, in which he had been a trustee.

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**Charles P. Baumann**, who is associated with the firm of Baumann Brothers, dealers in candies and soft drinks, is well known in Frankfort. He was born in this city, Nov. 19, 1865, the son of Charles Fred and Elizabeth (Keppler) Baumann.

Charles Fred Baumann was born in Saxe-Weimar, Germany, March 6, 1835. He was a son of Charles F. and Caroline (Krauca) Baumann, natives of Wetsdorf, Germany. The former was a linen weaver and fuller by trade, and also engaged in farming. In 1853 the Baumann family emigrated to the United States and located in Richton Township, Cook County, Ill., later removing to Frankfort Township, Will County. The father died in 1874 and the mother died in 1873.

Charles Fred Baumann, deceased, attended the public schools in Germany and followed his father's trade. In the spring of 1857 he went to Minnesota, and later returned to Frankfort Township, where he resumed farming. In 1862 he purchased 160 acres of land in Frankfort Township which he operated until 1866. In that year he removed to Frankfort and with his brother established a cafe, restaurant and lodging house. Later he purchased his brother's interest and conducted the business alone until 1913, when he retired. He was married July 26, 1863, at Frankfort, to Miss Elizabeth Klepper, who was born in Getzenhain, Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, in 1840. She was a daughter of John Klepper, who settled in Will County in 1852. Mrs. Bauman lives in Frankfort. Her husband died April 17, 1914, and is buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Frankfort. They were the parents of ten children: 1. John W., born in 1864, died April 25, 1918. He is buried in Waltenheim Cemetery, Chicago. 2. Charles P., the subject of this sketch. 3. Annie, the widow of John Kelhier, lives in Frankfort. 4. August,

born April 29, 1869, a member of the firm of Baumann Brothers, Frankfort. 5. Elizabeth, married John Bobzin, and they live in Chicago. 6. Frederick, born Jan. 10, 1873, lives in Chicago. 7. Caroline, born April 24, 1876, died March 18, 1908, is buried in Frankfort. 8. Edith, the widow of Theodore Lambrecht, lives in Frankfort. 9. Oscar, born March 28, 1880, lives in Chicago. 10. Arthur, born Feb. 24, 1883, lives at Hobart, Ind.

Charles Fred Baumann was a Republican in politics. He was well known in the affairs of Frankfort Township, and had served as village trustee for six years, and as a delegate to county conventions. He was a member of St. Peter's Evangelical Church, and belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Charles P. Baumann received his education in the public schools of Frankfort. At the age of 15 years he began his business career as a clerk in the store of Balchowsky, at Frankfort. He later went to Coal City and was a clerk in the dry goods store of the Wilmington-Coalfield Company. He was afterward employed by Marshall, Field & Company, Chicago. He then entered business for himself in Chicago operating a cafe, which he later sold. He worked in Kansas City, Denver, and Des Moines, and other western cities as a solicitor for photographic supplies. In 1912 Mr. Baumann returned to Frankfort and entered his father's business. After the death of his father in 1914, he, with his brother August, took over the business. In 1919 when prohibition went into effect they closed the cafe, and engaged in the soft drink and candy business.

Mr. Baumann is a Republican, and belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose, Chicago Heights, Ill.

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**August Baumann**, of the firm of Baumann Brothers, dealers in candies and soft drinks, at Frankfort, is a well known business man of that city. He was born here, April 29, 1869, a son of Charles Fred and Elizabeth (Klepper) Baumann, a complete sketch of whom appears in connection with Charles P. Baumann's sketch.

August Baumann attended the public schools and began life as a clerk in Balchowsky's store. He also worked in other stores in Frankfort. In 1892 he completed a course in mechanical trades in the Stan-

dard Elevator Company, Chicago. He then worked in his father's cafe in Frankfort, later becoming its manager. After the death of his father in 1914, he with his brother, Charles P. took over the business which they have successfully conducted since that time.

Mr. Baumann is a Republican. He has been a delegate to several Republican conventions. He has served for 11 years as village trustee, and as tax collector for Frankfort Township two years. He was precinct committeeman 1926-1927. Mr. Baumann belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose, Joliet Lodge, No. 300. He has many friends in Frankfort where he has spent his entire life.

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**Rev. P. J. Hennessy**, resident priest of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Joliet, is one of the scholarly men and eminent divines of his calling, and one who has won the confidence of the people of the city irrespective of their religious connections because of his whole souled work in behalf of public well being. While he is not native born he is a true American in the highest and best sense of the word and to his advice and admonitions are due many of the improvements which have been recently secured in this section of the state.

Rev. P. J. Hennessy was born in County Limerick, Ireland, in 1876, a son of James and Margaret (Collins) Hennessy, both of whom came to the United States and settled in Chicago in 1898, and there they died and are buried. These excellent and devout parents sent their son to the public schools in his native land and dedicated him to the service of the church. He was a student of St. Francis College, Brooklyn, N. Y., and St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Md., and in 1902 he was ordained to the priesthood by the late Cardinal Gibbons. After six months in parish work in New York City, Rev. P. J. Hennessy was sent to Chicago and a year later was transferred to St. Mary's parish, Evanston, Ill., where he remained for seven years. He was then sent to Braidwood, Ill., where he spent ten years. He was located at Elmhurst for three years, and in April, 1924, assumed his present duties in connection with St. Mary's Church, Joliet. His assistants are: Rev. L. J. Kiley and Rev. J. T. Farrell.

A man of broad vision, Rev. Hennessy believes in acting with various community organizations and is a valued member of the Joliet Kiwanis Club, and the Public Health Council. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus and is Chaplain of the Joliet Council of that order and ex-grand





*J. J. Hennessy*



Knight of the Braidwood Council, Knights of Columbus, and he also is a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Rev. Hennessy is interested in all philanthropic and reform work, which adds value and dignity to his name and calling. His identification with the higher life of this city is unquestioned and his leadership in many respects is undisputed.

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**Charles Manning Fish.**—Among the more notable real estate men in Joliet, who have established reputations for integrity and have achieved notable and well merited success in their calling, none are more worthy of mention than Charles Manning Fish. A resident of the county seat for many years, he fully exemplifies the alert, energetic character for which the people of his city have been noted, and in addition to having played a prominent part in business affairs, has fully discharged the duties of citizenship.

Mr. Fish was born in Joliet, Aug. 1, 1859, and is a son of Henry and Mary V. (Manning) Fish, and traces his ancestry back on the paternal side to John Alden, and on both sides to Colonial days in America. His direct ancestor, William Manning, came from England to America in 1634, taking up his residence at Cambridge, Mass., and later being selected with Deacon Cooper to rebuild old Harvard College in 1672. The paternal grandparents of Charles Manning Fish were Calvin Bacon and Clarissa (Sterling) Fish, the former born in Norwich, Conn., Dec. 15, 1779, and the latter at Sterling City, Lime, Conn., Feb. 18, 1780. They became farming people in Jefferson County, New York, and Calvin Fish Bacon died at Rutland, N. Y., in 1830. The maternal grandparents of Mr. Fish were Joel and Diza (Jenkins) Manning, the former born at Andover, Vt., Oct. 3, 1793, and the latter in Tennessee, Oct. 15, 1806. She was a sister of Elizabeth, who married Dr. John Logan, father of Gen. John A. Logan; and of Hon. Alexander M. Jenkins, who served as lieutenant governor of Illinois in 1834. Mr. and Mrs. Manning made their way by boat and Indian trails to St. Louis and finally located at Brownsville, Jackson County, Ill., where Mr. Manning engaged in the practice of law for some years. He was appointed by the Governor as secretary of the Board of Commissioners, of Illinois and Michigan Canal, and during the early days of Chicago resided on the present site of the Conway Building, corner of Clark Street and Washington in that city. When the office of commissioner was moved to Lock-

port, Ill., he took up his residence there, and continued to make his home in that city until 1861, when he and Mrs. Manning removed to Joliet. At the latter place Mrs. Manning died, Nov. 27, 1861. Mr. Manning died Jan. 8, 1869.

Henry Fish was born at Watertown, N. Y., Dec. 19, 1819, and married Feb. 1, 1854, Mary V. Manning, who was born at Brownsville, Ill. He came to Joliet in 1834 and engaged in the real estate, lumber and grain business, with which he was identified during the remainder of his life. In 1873 he became the organizer of the Will County National Bank, of which he was the first president, and later organized a private bank which he operated for many years. He died June 22, 1899, his widow surviving him until Oct. 3, 1903. They were the parents of the following children: George Manning, born Jan. 27, 1855, who died Aug. 15, 1917; Jennie Clara, born March 31, 1857, died Sept. 3, 1858; Charles Manning, the subject of this sketch; Henry Manning, born Feb. 12, 1862, died Dec. 11, 1915.

After meeting with financial reverses with his brothers in 1893, Henry Manning Fish took up the study of medicine and was graduated from Hahnemann Medical College, Chicago. He spent eighteen months at the renowned hospital in Vienna where he specialized in the study of diseases of the eye. He returned to Chicago, Ill., and became a noted eye specialist, and to him the present successful treatment of eye diseases is largely indebted.

Henry Fish took a great interest in politics and public affairs, and was a delegate to the national convention of the Republican party which nominated Abraham Lincoln for the presidency. Mrs. Fish was also a woman of attainments, and many years served as a trustee of Northwestern University. As a small child she witnessed the parade pass their home at Clark and Washington streets, Chicago, of the Indians who received payment in money for the site of Chicago, and often related to her children in later years the ludicrous appearances of the Indian princess who rode a horse astride, wearing proudly a man's silk hat. Mrs. Fish's sister, Mrs. Cornelia A. Miller, the widow of Edmund Miller, of Waterloo, Iowa, moved to Joliet in 1883. She was a world traveler and collector of rare curios, and in 1886 made a trip to the Orient in company with Bishop and Mrs. Warren to inspect Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and gave \$30,000 to the Garret Bible Institute of Northwestern University. In 1896 she became an invalid and so continued until her death, April 14, 1906. During that time she was cared for by her nephew, Charles Manning Fish, in her beautiful

residence at 205 Richards Street, Joliet, at the corner of Lincoln, which was bequeathed to Mr. Fish at the time of his beloved aunt's death. Mr. Fish has since torn down this residence, considered the finest in Joliet, and erected a large apartment building, metropolitan in all respects, where he resides with his family.

Charles Manning Fish attended the public schools of Joliet and after his graduation from high school became a student at the Pennsylvania Military College, from which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1882, with the degree of Civil Engineer and was one of the six honor students whose names were presented to the governor of Pennsylvania, and was the leader of his class. At the time of his graduation he and his brothers embarked in the manufacture of all kinds of wire, and built the largest and best equipped wire drawing plant in this part of the country. At the end of the year 1892 through the machinations of several designing business men their wire mill and other business properties were swept away.

Soon after Mrs. Miller, the aunt of Mr. Fish, suffered a stroke of apoplexy and Mr. Fish devoted his time for the next ten years to the care of his invalid aunt and her business. Afterwards Mr. Fish became greatly interested in suburban real estate and opened an office in Joliet, where he has since been engaged in a constantly growing business. He has been identified with a number of large and important transactions.

Mr. Fish has been for over 50 years a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is a Republican in his political views, and has been a member of the Sons of Colonial Wars, Sons of the American Revolution, Mayflower Society of Illinois, Midlothian Country Club, and Joliet Country Club for many years.

On Feb. 1, 1887, Mr. Fish was united in marriage with Louise Steel, who was born in Joliet, Sept. 23, 1866, and died Feb. 8, 1892. She was a daughter of William A. and Frances Louise (Sanger) Steel, and to this union was born one daughter, Mary Louise, born June 5, 1889, at Joliet. She married Paul W. King of Evanston, Ill., June 4, 1910, and has one daughter, Frances Louise, born April 30, 1911.

Mr. Fish was married (second) on May 18, 1898, to Miss Helen E. Thompson, who was born April 8, 1872, at Joliet, a daughter of Major J. M. and Mary J. (Davidson) Thompson, the former born at London, Ontario, Canada, Oct. 22, 1832, and the latter in Will County, Ill., Jan. 15, 1840. To this union were born four children: Jennie, born Feb. 20, 1899, who died March 30, 1908; Manning, born Nov. 20, 1903; Charles M., Jr., born May 11, 1906, graduated from the University of Illinois Class of 1928; and Allen Miller, born July 9, 1907.

**Fred A. Francis**, president of the New Lenox State Bank at New Lenox, Ill., and one of the prominent citizens and substantial business men of Will County, was born near New Lenox, Oct. 26, 1888, the son of Charles and Mary (Haven) Francis.

Charles Francis was born in New Lenox Township in 1847. He was reared on his father's farm and after his marriage purchased a farm south of New Lenox, where he lived for many years. He later purchased the farm where his son Fred A., now resides. He was engaged in general farming, stock raising and dairying. He died in 1919 and is buried in New Lenox Cemetery. His widow, also a native of New Lenox Township, now lives in Joliet. Mr. Francis was a Republican in his political views, and an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, where he was a trustee and superintendent of the Sunday School. There were seven children in the Francis family: Hattie, deceased, buried in New Lenox; Dr. Charles H., deceased, was a physician and surgeon, and a graduate of Northwestern University, was located in Reno, Nev. He is buried at New Lenox.; Alice M., a teacher in Parker High School, Chicago; Jane, married Milton S. Johnston, Joliet; Margaret E., married Roland E. Stevens, lives at Daytona, Fla.; Walter, deceased, a graduate of the University of Chicago, and superintendent of Bradstreets, buried in Los Angeles, Calif.; and Fred A., the subject of this sketch.

Abraham Francis, the father of Charles Francis, came to New Lenox Township in 1831. He had three sons. A. Allen Francis was born in Will County, Ill., Sept. 7, 1840. He married Lizzie J. Haven, Sept. 15, 1870. The second son, John Francis, was born in Will County, Jan. 8, 1843, and married Harriet M. Bliss, who was born Sept. 5, 1846. The third son was Charles Francis, father of the subject of this sketch.

Fred A. Francis attended the public schools and was graduated from Joliet Township High School in 1907, after which he worked on his father's farm, and in 1915 assumed the management of the farm, consisting of 280 acres of land. Mr. Francis and his mother are now owners of this farm.

In 1915 Mr. Francis was married to Anne Clow, a daughter of William and Eliza V. (Cherry) Clow. Mr. Clow, who is deceased, was a farmer in Wheatland Township, Will County. His widow resides in Plainfield, Ill.

Robert Clow, a native of Dumfrieshire, Scotland, brought his family to America in 1837. They settled first at Sodus Bay, N. Y., and in 1843 came via Erie Canal and the Great Lakes to Chicago, and settled in

Will Township. He was born in 1792 and died in 1877. His son, Robert Clow, Jr., accompanied his father to America. He married Rosanna McMicken. He served in the State legislature one term, and two terms as circuit clerk of Will County, and was also justice of the Peace and Township clerk. He died Sept. 15, 1888, and his wife died in 1895. William Clow was the son of Robert Clow, Jr., and was born in Will County, Ill., Dec. 18, 1850. In 1874 he married Eliza V. Cherry.

To Fred A. and Anne (Clow) Francis two sons have been born: Fred C., born Nov. 26, 1917, a student; and Charles J., born Jan. 30, 1925.

Mr. Francis has found time besides his agricultural pursuits to take part in the affairs of his township, and has served as school director of New Lenox Township, District No. 124, and as supervisor of the township, being elected in 1925 for a term of two years, and was reelected in 1927. He is a Republican, and was an alternate delegate to the Republican convention at Springfield in 1928.

Faternally Mr. Francis is affiliated with Mount Joliet Lodge, A. F. and A. M. No. 42; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. No. 27; and Modern Woodmen of America, Past Counsel. Mr. Francis was a charter member and one of the organizers of the New Lenox State Bank, and was elected its first president and director. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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**John Philip Klose**, a progressive and well known farmer of Mokena, was born in Frankfort Township, Will County, March 19, 1875, the son of John and Philipina (Mast) Klose.

John Klose was born in Byrlish, Germany, Feb. 22, 1850. He came to the United States with his uncle, John Zahn, in 1854. Mr. Zahn settled in Frankfort Township where he engaged in farming, stock raising and dairying. He died in August, 1927, and is buried in St. John's Cemetery.

John Klose died in 1916 and his wife in 1918, and they are buried in St. John's Cemetery, Mokena. They were the parents of four children: George, born Jan. 21, 1872, a farmer, lives on the old homestead; Oscar, born July 17, 1873, lives in Mokena; John Philip, the subject of this sketch; and Emma Charlotte, born Sept. 4, 1881, resides on the old homestead.

John Philip Klose attended the public schools of Frankfort Township. He worked on his father's farm until he was married. In Feb-

ruary, 1908, he purchased 100 acres of land. For many years he also conducted a dairy, but now devotes his entire time to general farming, in which vocation he has been very successful.

In 1908 Mr. Klose was married to Miss Elizabeth Sangmeister, a daughter of Adam and Christina (Syspel) Sangmeister, natives of Germany. Mr. Sangmeister was born July 1, 1849. He was a farmer and is now deceased. His widow, who was born April 22, 1847, resides in Frankfort. To Mr. and Mrs. Sangmeister seven children were born: William and George, deceased; Conrad, lives in Joliet; Christ, resides on the old homestead in Greengarden Township; Bertha, lives in Frankfort; Elizabeth Klose; and Lena, married Henry Laun, lives in Chicago.

Mr. Klose is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church.

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**John Klose**, deceased, was a well known and highly esteemed citizen of Frankfort Township, Will County, Ill., where he spent practically his entire life. He was born in Byrlish, Germany, Feb. 22, 1850, a son of Louis and Margaret (Zahn) Klose.

Louis Klose and his wife were natives of Germany. He came to the United States and was engaged in farming. He is buried in St. John's Cemetery, Mokena, and his wife is buried in Orland Township, Cook County, Ill.

At the age of four years John Klose came to the United States with his uncle, John Zahn, and they settled in Frankfort Township. He attended the public schools and then engaged in farming. He was also interested in stock raising and dairying and met with success.

John Klose was married to Philipena Mast, who was born in Frankfort Township, Will County, June 21, 1848, the daughter of Jacob and Eva (Bertell) Mast. Jacob Mast was born in Germany in 1810, and his wife was born there in 1812. In 1846 they came to the United States and settled in Frankfort Township, Will County, where Mr. Mast engaged in farming. He died Sept. 11, 1882, and his wife died Dec. 23, 1880, and they are buried in St. John's Cemetery, Mokena, Ill.

To John and Philipena (Mast) Klose four children were born: 1. George, born Jan. 21, 1872, was reared on his father's farm and attended the public schools of Frankfort Township. He resides on the "Old Homestead," and like his father he is a great lover of flowers and trees. In 1928 he planted 50 Evergreens on the farm. He is a Republican and a member of St. John's Evangelical Church. 2. Oscar,



born July 17, 1873, lives in Mokena, Ill. 3. John, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history. 4. Emma Charlotte, born Sept. 4, 1881, lives on the farm with her brother George. She also has inherited her love of flowers and devotes many hours to her large garden of flowers and plants. She is unmarried.

John Klose died in 1916 and his wife died in 1918. Both are buried in St. John's Cemetery, Mokena. He was a Republican, had served as school director, and was a member of St. John's Evangelical Church. Mr. Klose had many friends in this part of the state who have the kindest recollections of him. He was a lover of plants, flowers, and trees and spent much time in their cultivation and care, all of which added to the beauty of his well kept lawns and gardens.

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**John F. Handorf**, a leading agriculturist and business man, residing near New Lenox, was born in that township, Aug. 11, 1888, a son of John M. and Mary (Holm) Handorf.

John M. Handorf now lives retired at Marley, New Lenox Township. A complete sketch of John M. Handorf will be found elsewhere in this history.

John F. Handorf was educated in the public schools of New Lenox Township, after which he completed a business course at the Grant Orvis Business College, Chicago, Ill., in 1907. He returned to his father's farm where he was employed until 1914. At that time he farmed 230 acres of land and upon the death of his mother in 1925 she willed him 80 acres of fine farm land, where he now resides. Mr. Handorf carries on general farming, dairying, and stock raising and takes more than an ordinary interest in the live stock business. The farm is a valuable one and is well improved.

In 1914 Mr. Handorf was married to Miss Mary Beckwith, a daughter of Henry and Mary (Riekof) Beckwith, who were born in Worth Township, Ill. Mr. Beckwith, who is now living retired at Worth, Cook County, Ill., was an agriculturist. Mrs. Beckwith is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Handorf have seven children: Marion, John, Alma, Wilma, attending school, and Doris Ethel and Henry Howard at home.

Mr. Handorf is a Republican and school director of district No. 125. He was one of the organizers and charter members of the New Lenox State Bank and is a director of the institution. He is a member of the Will County Farm Bureau.

**Patrick D. Fahey** is among the prominent young business men of Joliet, where he is successfully engaged in the real estate business. He was born at Manhattan, Ill., Jan. 30, 1904, the son of F. Matthew and Martha (McDonald) Fahey.

F. Matthew Fahey, deceased, was one of the leading citizens and able attorneys of Joliet. He died Aug. 27, 1913, and is buried at Manhattan. His widow resides at Joliet. Mr. Fahey was a member of the Catholic Church and a member of the Will County Bar Association. To Mr. and Mrs. Fahey were born five children: Marion, married Matthew Nichols, lives at Chicago, Ill.; Frank, lives at Chicago; Thomas, lives at Joliet; Patrick D., the subject of this sketch; and Margaret, married Thomas Bruce, lives at Chicago.

Patrick D. Fahey received his early education in Joliet, attending the public schools. While a student at Joliet Township High School he was employed in the offices of the Joliet Macaroni Company. He was later graduated from St. Mary's College, St. Mary's, Kansas. In 1924 he became associated with the Raynor Park Investment Company as a real estate operator, and two years later went to Sarasota, Florida, where he was in charge of the Florida offices of Davis, Rider & Flory, of Chicago. During the latter part of 1926 he established his present real estate business in Joliet, with offices in the Will County National Bank Building. He removed to his present quarters at Van Buren and Ottawa streets, Aug. 30, 1927.

Mr. Fahey is a Republican, a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, Joliet Council, No. 382, Fourth Degree, and Holy Name Society.

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**Moore Brothers Company, Joliet.**—In the year 1857 two brothers William N. and Alexander K. Moore, began the making of stoves at Neenah, Wis. It was a very new country at that time, literally in the woods, with the great Wisconsin forest still covering the land everywhere, excepting here and there as at Neenah, where the giant of progress had as it were stopped to cut a swath or two of trees, so as to get a foothold in the wilderness of timber. Here at Neenah navigable water and water power invited early settlement; soon a saw mill was installed, then flour mills, and a considerable village. Then in 1857 came the railroad, but the stumps still stood in the streets where the forest had been and the Indian was a familiar figure about town.



F. MATTHEW FAHEY



William and Alexander Moore came from New York city, attracted no doubt by the richness of the surrounding country, which was being rapidly cleared and settled, and also by the water and new rail communication. They started a small foundry and began making stoves, hollow ware, sugar kettles, plows, sleigh shoes, and everything that a country foundry of those days was called upon to make. From 1857 until 1858 was a period of hard times when money almost disappeared from circulation, and such business as was done was carried on by a system of barter with a bushel of wheat as the standard of value. The new foundry venture had its full share in these adversities, but times began to improve. The country round about increased in population and wealth and so the business prospered. From the first, stoves were the principal concern of the Moore Brothers and gradually as their stoves became known the other products were discontinued. Some years passed in the development, and then in 1871, William Moore, seeking a wider market, moved to Joliet, and the same year started a new foundry, which he called the Solar Stove Works. From this time on each of the brothers conducted his separate business with success, but for a few years only. In 1873 Alexander Moore died and the Neenah Stove Works, passing through several hands, came to the ownership of Bergstrom Brothers & Company, later George Bergstrom & Son, and under the Bergstrom management has maintained an enviable position in the trade.

In 1875 William Moore died at Joliet, leaving a flourishing business, which was continued as a family interest under the name of the Solar Stove Works until 1887, at which time the Joliet Stove Works succeeded to the business and was thenceforth conducted under the management of William N. and Lewis Moore, sons respectively of William N. and Alexander K. Moore, who began making stoves together in 1857. In the year 1907, fifty years after the beginning of the original copartnership, it was decided to honor the founders by changing the name of the concern to the Moore Brothers Company. The associated management of the sons continued until August, 1911, when William N. Moore died at Auckland, New Zealand, where he had gone on a voyage for health and recreation. Since then the business of Moore Brothers Company has continued with Lewis Moore as President of an active organization which has continuously increased the magnitude and scope of the business until the Moore Products are generally known throughout the country for their meritorious qualities. The plant occupies approximately a ten acre area in the heart of Joliet, surrounded by Benton,

Franklin, and Jackson Streets and the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway right of way.

**Lewis Moore** was born at Neenah, Wis., Aug. 14, 1866, being the only son of Alexander K. and Mary E. Williams, who were married in 1861. His father was a manufacturer of stoves and furnaces in Neenah at that time. On completion of his school education in 1884 he came to Joliet to associate himself with the business founded by his father and his uncle, William N. Moore, which had been reestablished in Joliet after the death of his father in 1873.

Since adopting Joliet for his field of action he has been continuously associated with the business of stove making and has been since the year 1912 president of the corporation known as Moore Brothers Company.

On Oct. 14, 1891, Lewis Moore was married to Mabelle Dillman, daughter of Louis E. Dillman, a pioneer manufacturer of the early days of Will County. From this union there came a son, Lewis Moore, Jr., who is associated with the Moore Brothers Company as secretary, and Kathryn, wife of Harold F. Patterson.

Mr. Moore has always actively been interested in the general affairs pertaining to industry and a loyal supporter of all worthy civic movements, but has never solicited nor held public office. As to politics he has generally supported Republican policies.

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**Fred W. Phelps.**—Fred Woodford Phelps was born at Battle Creek, Mich., Dec. 27, 1869, the only child of his parents, Andrew S. Phelps, who married Sarah Ann Woodford in 1866, both coming originally from New York State.

In 1871 his parents moved to Chicago and his elementary school education was obtained in the Chicago public schools. He later graduated from the Chicago Manual Training School, which was the first technical school established in the middle West. In 1887 he came to Joliet to associate himself with the Joliet Stove Works, now known as the Moore Brothers Company. In 1891 he entered the bicycle trade in association with Andrew S. Phelps, his father, and James B. Speer, forming a corporation known as the Joliet Wheel Company to manufacture bicycles. From 1894 to 1898 he was associated with the business management of the Joliet Daily News. In 1898 he entered the grain commission business on the Chicago Board of Trade, but not finding that

occupation to his liking, he returned to the stove business in 1899 and has since been associated with the Moore Brothers Company as vice president and treasurer.

Mr. Phelps was married on June 10, 1896, to Bertha May Jones, daughter of Noble Jones, formerly of Mokena, Ill., and has one son, Norman Jones Phelps, and one daughter, Marian Woodford Phelps.

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**Andrew S. Phelps.**—Andrew S. Phelps was born at Dryden, N. Y., Sept. 17, 1838. His family moved to Cortland, N. Y., where he attended school. He came to Battle Creek, Mich., in 1857, which was his residence until 1870. He enlisted for the Civil war in August, 1861, and was mustered out on Sept. 19, 1865, as captain of Company A, Merrill's Horse of Missouri.

In 1866 Mr. Phelps was married to Sarah Ann Woodford, then of Battle Creek, Mich., having but one child, a son, Fred Woodford Phelps, at this time living in Joliet. Mr. Phelps came to Joliet from Chicago in 1889, where he had been engaged in the stove business and became interested in the Joliet Stove Works. Later he associated himself with the corporation then known as the Joliet Wheel Company, engaged in the manufacture of bicycles. He also became interested in the reestablishment of the Joliet Daily News, then the principal newspaper of the community, and in 1891 erected a building to house its publication.

Mr. Phelps served for some years on the school board, being elected on a fusian ticket and was actively interested in all affairs pertaining to the community welfare of Joliet. He generally supported the Democratic ticket in casting his vote.

Andrew S. Phelps died Feb. 26, 1926, his wife, Sarah A., having passed away on Jan. 6, 1905. Both are buried in Graceland Cemetery, Chicago.

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**Lewis Tilsy.**—The name of Tilsy is inseparably linked with the history of Will County, the first member of the family having located here over 75 years ago. Lewis Tilsy, a son of William and Dorothea (Holm) Tilsy, was born in Homer Township, Will County, Sept. 3, 1858.

William Tilsy was born in Mechlenburg, Germany, May 15, 1834. In 1850 he came to the United States and located in Will County where he worked on the Illinois and Michigan Canal and for various farmers

in the county. In 1856 he purchased a farm in Homer Township. He was married in Chicago, Nov. 7, 1857, to Dorothea Holm, also a native of Mechlenburg, born Sept. 3, 1838. To this union five children were born: Lewis, the subject of this sketch; William, born May 3, 1862, a farmer of Homer Township; Mary E., born Nov. 25, 1864, married Charles Doctor, resides in Orland Township, Cook County; Henry, born Dec. 29, 1869, a farmer of Orland Township; and Carrie, born Aug. 5, 1873, a teacher, resides with her brother Lewis Tilsy. William Tilsy died Sept. 14, 1884, and his wife died March 14, 1916, and they are buried in Brooks Cemetery, Homer Township. He was a Republican and served for many years as school director.

Lewis Tilsy acquired his education in the public schools of Homer Township, and Lockport High School. He worked on his father's farm until the spring of 1885 when he removed to Orland Township, Cook County, Ill., and in partnership with his brother William, worked 160 acres of land. In 1895 the partnership was dissolved. He continued farming alone until the spring of 1908 when he removed to Homer Township. In 1909 he returned to the old homestead where he remained until Feb. 23, 1924, when he removed to Marley, New Lenox Township, and retired.

In 1889 Mr. Tilsy was married to Miss Dora Holm, a daughter of John and Mary (Holm) Holm, both natives of Mechlenburg, Germany. Mr. Holm was born July 13, 1825, and his wife was born July 13, 1834. He died in 1911 and she died in 1891. Both are buried in Oakwood, Wis. Mr. Holm came to the United States in 1853 and settled near Oakwood, Wis., where he purchased a farm which he operated until a few years before his death. To Mr. and Mrs. Holm nine children were born: Maria, deceased; Henry, lives at Bartelsville, Okla.; Helen, married Jacob Kleinman, resides on the old homestead; Dora Tilsy; Ida, married Charles Boucher, lives at Boise, Idaho; Emma, married Otto Toeplit, lives near Oakwood, Wis.; Lewis, deceased; Mary, married Herman Ninneman, lives at Franklin, Wis.; and John, lives at Sturdivant, Wis.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tilsy three children were born: Ralph, born in 1890, died in 1899, buried in Brooks Cemetery, Homer Township; John, born Aug. 16, 1893, and died Aug. 16, 1893; and Helen, born 1902, a graduate of Joliet Township High School, attended the State Teachers College, DeKalb, Ill., is a teacher.

Mr. Tilsy has always taken an active part in civic affairs. For 16 years he served as a member of the school board of Cook County, Ill., and for eight years was constable in that county. He was justice of the



peace for 12 years, and 15 years served on the school board of Will County, Ill. Mr. Tilsy is a Republican and a member of the Will County Farm Bureau. The family are members of the Lutheran Church.

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**Christian Bechstein**, deceased, was a representative citizen and successful business man of Mokena, where he was well known as the president of the Mokena State Bank. He was born at Frankfort, in Will County, Aug. 1, 1854, the son of Henry and Sophia (Hohman) Bechstein.

Henry Bechstein was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, as was his wife. About 1846 they emigrated to the United States and settled at Frankfort, Ill., where Mr. Bechstein engaged in general farming and stock raising. He and his wife are deceased and are buried in St. John's Cemetery.

Christian Bechstein grew up at Frankfort and received his education in the public schools. He became interested in farming early in life and was thus engaged until 1895, at which time he removed to Mokena. In August, 1909, he was one of the founders of the Mokena State Bank and served as president of the institution until the time of his death, which occurred on Sept. 10, 1924. He is buried in St. John's Cemetery, Mokena.

On Jan. 10, 1878, Mr. Bechstein was united in marriage with Miss Ida M. Schmuhl, the daughter of Henry and Marie (Kitzrou) Schumhl. Mr. Schmuhl was born in Germany in 1826 and came to the United States in 1852. He settled at Mokena and for many years was in the employ of the Rock Island Railroad. Both he and his wife are deceased. They were members of the German Lutheran church. Mrs. Bechstein died Dec. 5, 1912, and is buried in St. John's Cemetery. There were five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Bechstein: Emma, deceased; Mamie, married Owen Miller, lives at Cincinnati, Ohio; Alice, married Arthur Maue, lives in Orland Township, Cook County, Ill.; Rose D., the widow of Herbert Moriarty, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history; and Mabel, died June 29, 1919, was the wife of Clarence Mast, who lives in New Lenox Township, Will County.

Mr. Bechstein was always a Democrat and held many important local offices. He was mayor of Mokena for several terms, and served as alderman and highway commissioner of Frankfort Township. He served as a member of the local school board for 26 years. He had a wide acquaint-

ance throughout Will County and was highly esteemed by all who knew him.

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**Herbert H. Moriarty**, deceased, was well and favorably known throughout Will County, where he spent his entire life. At the time of his death, Nov. 10, 1923, he was serving as cashier of the Mokena State Bank. Mr. Moriarty was born on a farm in New Lenox Township, Will County, Feb. 24, 1884, the son of George F. and Lizzie (Fulton) Moriarty.

George F. Moriarty, deceased, was a prosperous farmer of New Lenox Township, where he lived throughout his life. He was the owner of 300 acres of well improved land and specialized in dairy farming. He was a Republican and a member of the Methodist church. His widow lives at Mokena. To Mr. and Mrs. Moriarty were born two sons: Herbert H., the subject of this sketch; and Walter G., who died in 1914. He is buried in Marshall Cemetery, New Lenox.

The education of Herbert H. Moriarty was received in the public schools of New Lenox Township and he also attended Mokena High School and Valparaiso University. He engaged in general farming and stock raising in New Lenox Township until 1918, at which time he removed to Mokena and accepted the office of cashier of the Mokena State Bank. He was serving in this capacity at the time of his death, Nov. 10, 1923. He is buried in St. John's Cemetery.

In 1910 Mr. Moriarty married Miss Rose D. Bechstein, the daughter of Christian Bechstein, a sketch of whom appears in this history. They had two children: Francis C., born in 1912, attends Joliet Township High School; and Grace Edith, born in 1919.

Rose D. (Bechstein) Moriarty attended the public schools of Mokena and in 1908 was graduated from DeKalb Normal School. She was a teacher in the public schools of Chicago Heights before her marriage and also taught at Rowley School, Hadley, Ill. Mrs. Moriarty is vice president of the Parent-Teacher Association of Mokena and vice president of the Ladies Aid Society. She holds membership in St. John's Evangelical Church and is active in church affairs.

Mr. Moriarty was a Republican and belonged to the Modern Woodmen of America and Will County Farm Bureau. He was especially well known throughout the county as a capable auctioneer and did work of that nature throughout the state of Illinois.

**Francis La Piana, M. D.**, one of the prominent physicians and surgeons of Joliet, is a veteran of the World War. He was born in Sicily, Italy, Nov. 28, 1879.

Francis LaPiana spent his boyhood in his native land, where he was educated. In 1901 he was graduated from Palermo University, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then came to the United States and settled in New York City. He served in the U. S. Army during the Spanish-American War and spent almost three years in hospital work in the Philippine Islands. Upon his return to this country he engaged in the drug business at Milwaukee, Wis., for ten years. He took up the study of medicine at Marquette University, from which he received his degree in 1914. He spent the following two years in practice at Des Moines, Iowa. During the World War he served in the Medical Corps with the rank of Captain. After the close of the war he established a general practice in Chicago, where he remained until October, 1926. He has since been located in Joliet, with offices in the Laughran Building. Besides his extensive practice Dr. LaPiana is connected with the staff of St. Joseph Hospital.

In 1906 Dr. LaPiana was married to Miss Livia LaPiana, of Milwaukee, Wis. They have five children: Vincent, a graduate of McKinley High School, Chicago, attends the Armour School of Technology, Chicago; George, Josephine, Anthoniette, and Francis, Jr., all at home.

Dr. LaPiana is identified with the Chicago Medical Association and American Medical Association. He is a Republican and active in local politics. He is affiliated with the Sons of Italy, American Legion, Knights of Pythias, and the Will County Italian Club, and the North Side Italian Club. The family residence is at 823 Carnelia Street.

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**James W. Belay.**—Representative of the successful young business men of Will County is James W. Belay, who is owner of the Joliet Advertising Service. He was born in Joliet, Feb. 22, 1901, the son of Louis L. and Elizabeth (Meade) Belay.

Louis L. Belay was born in France in 1843. He came to the United States when 25 years of age and settled at Joliet, where he engaged in the tailoring business for many years. He died in 1912 and is buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery. He was a Democrat and served as local judge, clerk and alderman. His widow, who resides in Joliet, was born in Kentucky. To Mr. and Mrs. Belay were born three children: Irene, mar-

ried Harry Harrigan, lives at Joliet; Marguerite, married Thomas Driscoll, lives at Joliet; and James W., the subject of this sketch.

James W. Belay attended the parochial schools of Joliet and was graduated from Joliet Township High School in 1920. He then spent three years in the advertising department of the Herald News, Joliet, and was afterward associated with Libby, McNeil & Libby, as head of the order department. His next business connection was as treasurer of the Farmers' Weekly Review and since April, 1927, he has been connected with the Joliet Advertising Service, which is located in the Will County Bank Building.

Mr. Belay is a Republican and a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. He also belongs to the Chamber of Commerce.

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Charles T. Mason.—Few men are better known in Illinois than Charles T. Mason, whose name has been prominently associated with the steel industry of the State, and who for 30 years has been identified with the Illinois Steel Company, at Joliet, and is general superintendent of the plant. He was born in Oshkosh, Wis., Nov. 23, 1876, a son of Thomas and Harriet (Dennis) Mason.

Thomas Mason was born in Chicago, Ill., Dec. 21, 1850. After finishing high school he worked on the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, beginning as a fireman and was soon promoted to engineer. He continued in this capacity until he was pensioned in 1915. He died in 1916 and is buried in Fond du Lac. He was a Republican, a member of the Episcopal Church, and fraternally was affiliated with Fountain City Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Oshkosh Chapter, R. A. M.; and Fond du Lac Commandery, K. T.

Harriet (Dennis) Mason was born at Omro, Wis., Dec. 26, 1858, and resides at Fond du Lac, Wis. Mr. Mason was educated in the public schools of Fond du Lac, and graduated from the high school there in 1895. In 1899 he received his degree of Bachelor of Science Mechanical Engineer from the University of Wisconsin. He immediately entered the employ of the Illinois Steel Company, Joliet branch, in the Engineering department. In 1908 he was appointed assistant chief engineer; in March, 1918, he was made assistant general superintendent; and on Nov. 1, 1926, was promoted to General Superintendent.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason were the parents of ten children: Charles T., Elizabeth, married Irwin Smalley, lives in Hartford, Mich.; Harriet, Ber-



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keley, Calif.; George, Livingston, Mont.; William, Fond du Lac; Thomas, Green Bay, Wis.; Robert, World War veteran, Green Bay, Wis.; Adah, married Peter Peterson, Sturgeon Bay, Wis.; Walter, World War veteran, Schwano, Wis.; and Herbert, World War veteran, Berkeley, Cal. The latter two are twins.

Fraternally Mr. Mason holds membership in Matteson Lodge, No. 175, A. F. & A. M., past master in 1906; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. No. 27, past high priest in 1907; Joliet Council, R. & S. M. M. No. 82, past master in 1916; Joliet Commandery, K. T. No. 4, past commander in 1914; Oriental Consistory, A. A. S. R., 32nd degree, Chicago; Medinah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Chicago; Marguerite Chapter, O. E. S. 187, past patron; Bethany Shrine, W. S. J. No. 7, past watchman. He is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Joliet Country Club, Rotary Club, Shrine Club of Joliet; Medina Athletic Club of Chicago; American Iron and Steel Institute; and B. P. O. Elks, No. 296. He is a Republican and belongs to the Episcopal Church.

On Nov. 5, 1906, Mr. Mason was married to Miss C. Alphie Longley, the daughter of Thomas L. and Helen K. (Dunning) Longley. They have a son, Charles T. Mason, Jr., born March 26, 1918, a student.

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**Charles D. Eldred, M. D.**, is one of the foremost physicians and surgeons of Joliet. He was born at Braidwood, Will County, Ill., June 24, 1887, and is a son of Dr. C. C. and Emma R. (Cooper) Eldred.

Dr. C. C. Eldred, deceased, was born at Gardner, Ill. He graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1874. He was engaged in practice in Braidwood until 1898 when he removed to Joliet, where he continued in practice until his death. He died Feb. 4, 1923, and is buried in Elmwood Cemetery. His widow resides in Joliet. There were five children in the Eldred family, as follows: Bertha, a teacher in Joliet High School, is a graduate of Northwestern University; Alice S., married Edwin Allen, of Tacoma, Wash., an electrical engineer, with the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad; Elizabeth Steward Johnston, of Cairo, Ill.; Charles D., the subject of this sketch; and one child died in infancy.

Charles D. Eldred lived in Braidwood until he was eleven years of age, when the family moved to Joliet. He graduated from the Joliet High School in 1906, afterwards graduating from Yale University with the class of 1910. After a medical course in Northwestern University,

he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1914. Dr. Eldred served his internship at St. Luke's Hospital until 1916, and in the spring of 1917 enlisted for service in the World War. He served in the Medical Corps and was overseas from June, 1917, until February, 1919, and was stationed in Camp Hospital No. 52. He was commissioned a first lieutenant and was with the 83rd Division, and later was raised to the rank of Captain. Upon receiving his discharge he returned to Joliet and resumed his practice.

On March 9, 1918, Dr. Eldred married Miss Lela Jimison, of Galesburg. Mrs. Eldred is a graduate of Lake Forest College, and prior to her marriage was a teacher in Michigan City High School. They have two children: Elizabeth Steward; and Bertha Bernine.

Dr. Eldred is a member of the Illinois State Medical Society, the Will County Medical Society, and the American Medical Association, and the American College of Surgeons. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, American Legion, Isaac Walton Club, and to the Masonic orders. Politically he is a Republican. The family are members of the Episcopal Church.

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Jacob C. Adler, president and manager of The J. C. Adler Company, wholesale meats and groceries, is one of Joliet's prominent citizens. He was born on South Chicago Street, Joliet, Feb. 13, 1871, the son of Jacob C. and Emily (Erhard) Adler.

Jacob C. Adler, Sr., was born in Germany and came to the United States with his parents when he was two years of age. The family located in Joliet. In 1855 Jacob C. Adler opened a meat market, and in 1879 he purchased the old National Hotel where President Lincoln was a guest when a young man. After a time the hotel was leased to Mr. E. A. Bowen, from 1881 to 1888, then leased to Mr. Carl Pauli, who operated it continually to 1924. Emily (Erhard) Adler was born on Bluff Street, Joliet, her parents being among the pioneer settlers of the town, having located here in 1843. She died September 25, 1922, at the age of 81 years. Mr. Adler, Sr., died June 29, 1919, aged 83. They are both buried in St. John's Cemetery, Joliet. To Jacob C. and Emily (Erhard) Adler eleven children were born, four of whom died in infancy. Those now living are: 1. Louise, wife of Dan P. Lennon, vice-president of The J. C. Adler Company. 2. Jacob C., the subject of this sketch. 3. Lawrence J., secretary and treasurer of the Adler Company. 4. Patricia, wife of James Macdonald of Joliet. 5. Kath



erine, who lives with her brother Lawrence. 6. Emily, deceased wife of C. J. Reinhard, buried at LaSalle, Ill. 7. Michael L. Adler, deceased formerly with the J. C. Adler Company.

Jacob C. Adler attended the public schools of Joliet, and University of Niagara. At the age of 17 years began work in his father's store. January 1, 1901, O. W. Arnold's business was purchased. This has been enlarged until the company now occupies the entire National Hotel Block, besides their seed, pet, and egg depot across the street at the northwest corner of Bluff and North Jefferson Streets.

The J. C. Adler Company was incorporated in 1907 with J. C., Sr., as president, which position he held until a year before his death. He died June 29, 1919, at the age of 83 years. Mr. Adler was a leader in whatever he undertook, and he died rich in the possession of a well earned popularity, and in the esteem which comes from honorable living. He was active in all civic works and took an interested part in the développement of the channel and waterway of Joliet.

The J. C. Adler Company handle meats, eggs, oleomargarine, butter, a complete line of groceries, seeds, feeds, and vegetables of all kinds. They supply the surrounding towns of Ottawa, on the southwest, Aurora and Lemont on the north, and Kankakee on the east, selling the Adler Jim-Dandy products, of lard, bacon, sausage, hams, eggs. They have the only packing house outside the city of Chicago in this part of the country, and employ 75 men regularly. The present officers are: Jacob C. Adler, president; Dan P. Lennon, vice president; and Lawrence J. Adler, secretary and treasurer.

In 1897 Mr. Adler was married to Miss Elizabeth Young, a daughter of Henry and Mary Young. Mr. Young was a very well known citizen of Joliet where he was engaged in the real estate business. He built the Young Building. He was also prominent in politics. Mr. and Mrs. Adler have four children: 1. George Henry, a graduate of Joliet Junior High School and Armour Institute, received degree in electrical engineering at Armour Institute, now operating Superintendent of Crystal Lake for Public Service Company. 2. Catherine, a graduate of Joliet High School, Junior College, St. Mary's College Notre Dame, and received her Master of Arts degree from Chicago University, is a teacher in the Joliet High School. 3. Joseph L. a graduate of Joliet High School, and Notre Dame University, where he received his Bachelor of Commerce degree, now secretary and treasurer of the Prilliman Adler Roofing Company. 4. Elizabeth, a graduate of St. Francis Academy, Joliet Junior College, and St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind.

In a local way Mr. Adler helped organize the Joliet Chamber of Commerce, served as director of same for two terms. Mr. Adler is a member of St. Raymond's Catholic Church, one of the directors of the Joliet Trust & Savings Bank and past president of the Merchants Association. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, Loyal Order of Moose and W. C. U. and is interested in the promotion of a greater Joliet and the Chicago waterways channel, which is now under construction.

Not only as a son of one of the pioneer business men of Joliet, but in his own individual sincerity and worthy endeavor Mr. Adler has won the esteem and confidence of the entire community.

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**John P. Hayden** is among the highly esteemed citizens and representative business men of Joliet, where he is identified with the Farmers' Weekly Review as secretary, general manager and editor. He was born at Lowell, Ind., April 21, 1895, a son of Fred and Ella (Volkins) Hayden.

Fred Hayden was born in 1864. In early life he followed farming and general stock raising and was later associated with the Oxweld Acetylene Company, as a salesman in Indiana. He died Nov. 17, 1927, and is buried in West Creek Cemetery, Lowell, Ind. His widow, a native of Illinois, resides at Lowell. To Mr. and Mrs. Hayden were born the following children: Leslie, died at the age of five years; Leander, farmer, lives at Lowell, Ind.; Leonard, died in infancy; Delbert, farmer, lives at Lowell; John P., the subject of this sketch; George, with the Cloverleaf Dairy Company, Indiana territory; Yrvie, also associated with the Cloverleaf Dairy Company, Chicago offices; Vivien, agent Northern Life Insurance Company of Hammond, Ind.; and Vera, who was graduated from Lowell High School in 1928.

John P. Hayden received his education in the public schools of Lowell and was graduated from Valparaiso University in 1916. He then taught school at Grant Park, Ill., and at Momence, Ill. He afterward became associated with the Western Steel Car Company for a short period. He became interested in newspaper work while at Minneapolis, Minn. He came to Joliet as manager of the classified advertising department of the Joliet Times, and in August, 1922, was one of the founders of the Farmers Weekly Review. With Judge Adams he is now sole owner of the publication, which has a circulation of over 5,000. They

are also interested in publishing work of all kinds, and specialize in school magazines and papers. The plant also does commercial printing.

On Jan. 29, 1917, Mr. Hayden married Miss Mary Bieth, a native of Illinois. She is a graduate of Joliet Township High School and the University of Illinois, where she specialized in the study of music. Mr. and Mrs. Hayden have a daughter, Marjory Lorraine.

Mr. Hayden is a Republican, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose, the Lions Club and Chamber of Commerce.

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**Matt Bloomfield, M. D.**—A member of the medical profession distinguished by more than 14 years of service in Joliet is Dr. Matt Bloomfield, a native of Illinois, and a member of one of the substantial families of the State. He was born at Toledo, Ill., Dec. 25, 1887, the son of Dr. Robert G. and Julia (Hurst) Bloomfield.

Dr. Robert G. Bloomfield, deceased, was a native of Illinois. He was born at Toledo, May 31, 1860. He was a graduate of Rush Medical College in the class of 1884 and became one of the leading surgeons of the section of the State in which he lived, carrying on an extensive practice at Toledo. He later lived in Oklahoma City, Okla. Doctor Bloomfield died in May, 1924, and is buried at Toledo, Ill. His widow now resides in Oklahoma City. To Doctor and Mrs. Bloomfield were born four children: Austin, deceased; Matt, the subject of this sketch; Lottie, married Charles Unger, lives at Oklahoma City, Okla.; and Elma, married Joseph Vahlberg, lives at Oklahoma City, Okla.

The boyhood of Matt Bloomfield was spent at Toledo, Ill., where he attended the public schools. In 1905-6-7-8 he attended the University of Illinois, then the University of Chicago and received his B. S. degree in 1910. He was graduated from Rush Medical School in 1912 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine and spent the following two years as an interne in the Cook County Hospital. Since 1914 he has engaged in practice in Joliet, where he specializes in surgery. Doctor Bloomfield has offices in the Morris Building and was associated with the late Dr. James Burry, chief surgeon of the Illinois Steel Company, and the late Dr. G. M. Pears, Joliet, Ill.

On June 24, 1916, Doctor Bloomfield was united in marriage with Miss Nella N. Marks, of Adrian, Mich. She is a graduate of the Uni-

versity of Michigan and the Normal School at Ypsilanti, Mich. Previous to her marriage she was connected with the schools of Adrian, Mich., for three years. Doctor and Mrs. Bloomfield have a daughter, Julia Elizabeth, born July 19, 1926.

Doctor Bloomfield is a member of the Episcopal Church, and is affiliated with the Masonic lodge and its various branches. He also belongs to the Joliet Country Club, Chamber of Commerce, and Elks lodge. He is identified with the Will and Grundy County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society, the American Medical Association, and the American College of Surgeons. He is a Republican.

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Edward A. Brewster is perhaps one of the best known business men of Joliet, where he is president and general manager of the Brewster Printing Company. He was born at Oberlin, Ohio, Oct. 27, 1855, and spent his early life in that section. He attended the public schools of Oberlin and in May, 1869, began work as an office boy in a printing plant in a Chicago printing house. He has always been interested in the printing business and in 1896 came to Joliet, where he served as general manager for the Republican Printing Company. Ten years later he engaged in business for himself and organized the Brewster printing Company at 119 North Ottawa Street. Three years later the plant was moved to 314 Van Buren Street and in 1911 the company purchased its present plant at 513-15 Second Avenue. The company specializes in directory work and lithographing, although it handles all types of general job printing. Approximately 15 men are employed. The officers of the company are: Edward A. Brewster, president; Ed T. Brewster, vice president; Percy Franklin Brewster, secretary and treasurer.

On July 3, 1877, Mr. Brewster was united in marriage with Miss Carrie M. Tracy, of Princeton, Ill. She died in 1922 at the age of 65 years and is buried in Elmhurst Cemetery, Joliet. To this union five children were born, as follows: George Ashley, employed with the Brewster Printing Company. He married Miss Hester Shutts, of Joliet, and they have a son, Alden Brewster; (2) Edward T., vice president of the Brewster Printing Company, Joliet, married Miss Hattie Spencer, of Joliet, and they have two children, Carrol and William; (3) Percy Franklin, secretary and treasurer of the Brewster Printing Company, married Miss Effie L. White, of Joliet, and they have a son, Franklin C.

Brewster; (4) Hattie Wall, lives in Joliet; and (5) Helen, married James R. Morrissey, lives at Wheeling, W. Va., and they have two children, Roberta and Robert Brewster Morrissey.

On Feb. 25, 1926, Mr. Brewster married Mrs. Louise Elithorp, of Chicago.

Politically, Mr. Brewster is identified with the Republican party. He is a member of the First Baptist Church and takes an active interest in church affairs. He also belongs to the Chamber of Commerce.

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**Frank J. Limacher**, who is identified with the firm of Henry J. Weber & Company, investment brokers, is a leading business man of Joliet and a veteran of the World War. He was born in this city, Aug. 12, 1886, the son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Sauer) Limacher.

Joseph Limacher, deceased, was a native of Switzerland. He was a small child when his parents brought him to America and settled in Joliet. He became a prosperous business man of the city and conducted a drug business here for a number of years. He died in 1890 at the age of 44 years and is buried in St. John's Cemetery, Joliet. His wife, born at Waterloo, Ill., died in 1911, at the age of 64 years. To Mr. and Mrs. Limacher the following children were born: Peter, died in 1892; Elizabeth, lives in Joliet; Mrs. Clara Stephen, lives in Joliet; Josephine, in religion known as Sister Liliosa, of the order of Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart; now located at the Queen of Angels Hospital at Los Angeles, Calif.; Pauline, married Henry J. Wagner, lives in Honolulu; Catherine, married Timothy J. Callahan, lives in Chicago, Ill.; Dr. John A., dentist, practicing at Joliet; and Frank J., the subject of this sketch.

Frank J. Limacher has always lived in Joliet. He attended the parochial and public schools of the city and was graduated from Joliet Township High School in 1905. He then entered the general offices of the Elgin Joliet & Eastern Railroad Company and five years later became connected with the offices of the E. Porter Products Company as office manager and cashier. He continued in that capacity for seven years and was later associated with the Pittsburgh offices of the American Refractories Company as an accountant and was thus engaged until he entered the transport service of the navy during the World War. In 1919 he returned to Joliet and again became affiliated with the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railroad as valuation accountant. May 1, 1926, he became

associated with Henry J. Weber & Company as junior member of the firm.

On Sept. 24, 1919, Mr. Limacher was married to Miss Celia E. Wilhelm, of Joliet, the daughter of J. Adam and Mary (Suess) Wilhelm. They have three children: Joseph J., born Dec. 18, 1920; Alma Marie, born July 20, 1922; and Ruth Catherine, born Sept. 25, 1923.

Politically, Mr. Limacher is a Democrat. He is a member of St. John's Catholic Church, and belongs to the Chamber of Commerce. He has a wide acquaintance in the city and is highly esteemed.

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**Ferdinand J. Bittermann**—Numbered among the enterprising and successful young business men of Joliet is Mr. Bittermann, who is also a veteran of the World War. He was born in this city, Sept. 30, 1894, the son of Conrad and Susan (Baumgartel) Bittermann.

Conrad Bitterman, deceased, was a native of Germany. About 1850 he came to this country with his parents and settled at Joliet, where he learned the moulder's trade. He was employed by the Moore Brothers Stove Company for more than 30 years and was well known in this city. He died in 1916. Mr. Bittermann was a Republican and a member of the German Lutheran Church. His widow, also born in Germany, resides in Joliet. There were eleven children in the Bittermann family as follows: Anna, married M. Mueller; George P.; Conrad, Jr.; Bartholomew; Ernest W.; Lawrence A.; Elsie, married William G. Scholl; Ferdinand J., the subject of this sketch; Emily, married Lee Folkers; William and Irma, both deceased. All are residents of Joliet except Lawrence A., who lives at Wilmington, Ill.

After his graduation from Joliet Township High School, Ferdinand J. Bittermann was employed by the Garlach-Barklow Company as a press operator. Later he learned the sheet metal trade with Farrall, Kemp & Gushe Company, of Joliet. From 1912 until 1916 he was associated with Poehner & Dillman, hardware dealers, and in April, 1918, he established his present business, which is known as the F. J. Bittermann Company.

In 1925 Mr. Bittermann married Miss Marjorie G. Clark, the daughter of Lillian (Schugart) Clark, now Mrs. Julius Westphal.

During the World War Mr. Bittermann enlisted for service in the U. S. Army and was sent to Evanston, Ill. He was later transferred



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to Camp Taylor, Ky., and assigned to the Field Artillery Officer's Training School. He was discharged in November, 1918.

Mr. Bittermann is a Republican, a member of Mt. Joliet Lodge, F. & A. M. No. 42; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. No. 27; Joliet Council, R. S. M. No. 82; Joliet Commandery, K. T. 4; Oriental Consistory, A. A. S. R. 32nd degree; Medinah Temple; Joliet Shrine Club; Order of the Eastern Star; and American Legion, Harwood Post, No. 5.

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**F. J. Bittermann Company** was organized as a private company in 1918, and the following year was incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, with the following officers: F. J. Bittermann, president; J. R. Lennon, vice president; and H. M. Clark, secretary and treasurer. The present plant, which employs 40 men, was erected in 1920. The company manufactures sheet metal products and specializes in steel plate construction.

The company was incorporated for \$10,000.00 in 1919, increased to \$25,000.00 in 1921, and increased to \$50,000.00 in 1927. It has an extensive business extending throughout the United States and Canada.

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**Charles H. Blim.**—Among the prominent law practitioners of Will County, Illinois, Charles H. Blim holds an important place. His law offices are located in the Barber Building, Joliet. He was born at Crete, Ill., Aug. 7, 1891, the son of Charles and Frances (Hewes) Blim.

Charles Blim, who was born at Palos, Ill., was a prominent physician of Crete, where he has practiced his profession for 45 years. His wife, Frances (Hewes) Blim, was a descendant of William Hewes, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Mrs. Blim died in 1897, and is buried at Crete, Ill. There were three children in the Blim family: Warren C., a physician and surgeon, Chicago Heights, Ill.; Charles H., the subject of this sketch; and Spencer P., also a physician and surgeon, Chicago Heights.

Charles H. Blim attended the public schools and attended Chicago Heights High School, and received his degree of L. L. B., from Northwestern University in 1917. He enlisted in the army in December, 1917, and was sent to Kelly Field, Texas, from there to Dorr Field, Florida, and was discharged at Camp Grant, Rockford, in February 1919. He

then returned to Joliet and engaged in the practice of the law, and is meeting with well deserved success.

On Sept. 15, 1921, Mr. Blim was married to Miss Florence White. They have two children, Charles White, born May 4, 1923; and Beatrice Genevieve, born Nov. 3, 1924.

Mr. Blim has been prominent in the affairs of the city. He is a Republican, and in 1922 was a candidate for the state legislature, but was defeated. He is a member of the American Legion, Harwood Post, No. 5; the Chamber of Commerce; and the Elks Club. He is a director of the Farmers State Bank of Crete, and a stockholder in the Commercial Trust & Savings Bank of Joliet.

Mr. Blim is interested in agriculture also, and is the owner of an 80 acre farm in Plainfield Township, which he rents.

Mr. and Mrs. Blim are members of the Presbyterian Church. Their home is at 110 Whitney Avenue, Joliet.

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**Howard E. Wilson** is a representative business man of Joliet where he is engaged in the real estate, insurance and loan business. He was born at Joliet, the son of Jason L. and Lana (Vandenburg) Wilson.

Jason L. Wilson was born in Joliet where he spent his entire life, and was engaged in the real estate business for many years prior to his death, which occurred Sept. 12, 1926. He was 68 years of age. He was one of the most prominent men in real estate circles in Joliet, and was an influential and public spirited citizen. Mrs. Wilson, who was also born in Joliet, died when about thirty years of age, leaving five children: Nettie, died at the age of four years; George L., real estate business, Houston, Texas, for the past 18 years; Mrs. Martha E. Springer, Nutley, N. J.; Mrs. Anita L. McAvoy, St. Louis, Mo.; and Howard E., the subject of this sketch. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Joliet.

Howard E. Wilson attended the public schools of Joliet, and continued his studies at Worcester Academy, Worcester, Mass., from which institution he was graduated. He entered the real estate offices of his father and was associated with him until the latter's death, since which time he has conducted the business alone.

On Jan. 20, 1914, Mr. Wilson was united in marriage with Miss Mabel Richards, of Joliet, Ill., the daughter of Fred and Agnes (Robertson) Richards, residents of Joliet. Mr. Richards is a machinist, and Mrs.

Richards is owner of the Needle Work Shop, Joliet. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have two children: Dorothy, born June 25, 1915, attends Washington, Jr., High School; and Marjorie, born Nov. 19, 1919, attends Woodland School. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Wilson is a Republican, a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and fraternally is affiliated with the Masonic Orders. Mr. Wilson is a man of worth, and deserves and enjoys a high standing among his fellow citizens.

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**F. A. Nussmeyer.**—Among the progressive and enterprising young business men of Joliet is F. A. Nussmeyer, a veteran of the World War. He was born at Romeo, Ill., Feb. 4, 1894, the son of Charles and Hannah (Teaboil) Nussmeyer.

Charles Nussmeyer, who lives retired in Joliet, is a native of Germany. Shortly after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Nussmeyer came to the United States and settled in Joliet, where Mr. Nussmeyer was employed for many years in the stone quarries. He and his wife are the parents of the following children: Herman lives in Joliet; Anna, married Lawrence Stuffer, lives at Los Angeles, Calif.; Minnie, the widow of H. Rosenthal, lives in Chicago; Charles, Jr., lives in Joliet; Frederick, lives in Joliet; Mary, married Henry Specht, lives in Joliet; F. A., the subject of this sketch; William, lives in Joliet; and Henry, lives in Joliet.

F. A. Nussmeyer was three years old when his family located in Joliet. He attended the public schools of this city and is also a graduate of the Metropolitan Business College. He spent seven years as a clerk in the employ of the First National Bank of Joliet, was later associated with the American Refractories Company as chief clerk, and at the outbreak of the World War enlisted for service. He spent a year in France with the 88th Military Police Company, and was discharged in June, 1919. Upon his return to Joliet he became associated with the Union Machinery Company as office manager, for three years, and he has since been connected with the Markgraf Stone & Quarry Company. His brother, Herman Nussmeyer, is also identified with the business.

On Dec. 4, 1920, Mr. Nussmeyer married Miss Kathleen Britt, of Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. Nussmeyer is a member of the First Lutheran Church and belongs to the Chamber of Commerce. He is a Republican.

**William S. Welch**, a successful real estate operator and insurance man of Joliet, is a native of Illinois. He was born at Streator, March 20, 1884, the son of George and Marjorie (Conlon) Welch.

George Welch was born in Illinois in 1850, and died Oct. 29, 1884. His wife, who died Oct. 9, 1923, was a native of New York, born Feb. 29, 1852. Mr. and Mrs. Welch were married in St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Joliet. Their two sons were George R., and William S. George R. Welch, an electrical engineer of Chicago, is a graduate of the University of Illinois. He spent several years in government work as a construction engineer in the Panama Canal zone, and during the World War was stationed there in charge of government ammunition. He married Miss Margaret Connor, of Wilmington, Ill.

William S. Welch was a small child when his parents came to Joliet. He was educated in the public schools and when 18 years of age entered the offices of the Santa Fe Railroad, where he continued for four years. He was then identified with the city offices and served as secretary to Mayor J. R. Cromin, and Mayor Edward Allen. Since 1915 Mr. Welch has been interested in the real estate and insurance business with offices in the Will County Bank Building.

Politically Mr. Welch is a Democrat. He is a member of St. Raymond's Catholic Church and belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and Western Catholic Union.

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**Simon F. Wilhelmi, D. D. S.**, who has successfully engaged in the practice of his profession in Joliet since 1894, is a member of one of the city's oldest and best known families. He was born in Joliet, Feb. 15, 1872, the son of John J. and Mary (Rademacher) Wilhelmi.

John J. Wilhelmi came to the United States from Coblenz, Germany, with his parents in 1840, and settled at Joliet. He became a prosperous farmer and stockman and spent his entire life in this section of Illinois. He died in 1914 at the age of 80 years. His wife died in 1876.

The early education of Simon F. Wilhelmi was obtained in the schools of Joliet. He later attended the Chicago College of Dental Surgery, from which he was graduated in 1894. And the same year he engaged in general practice in Joliet, where he has continued to the present time.

On June 6, 1898, Dr. Wilhelmi was united in marriage with Miss Helen Haywood, of Joliet, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Haywood, both deceased. To them were born five children: Harley, born in 1900, a graduate of St. Mary's College, Kansas, lives at Toledo, Ohio;

Dion James, born in 1905, a graduate of St. Mary's College, Kansas, lives at home; Mary Catherine, a graduate of Loretta Academy, Chicago, married Robert Regan, lives at Joliet; Helen Simona, born in 1912; and Claire Cecile, born in 1914, attends St. Francis Academy.

Dr. Wilhelmi is identified with the Will County Dental Society, the Illinois State Dental Society, and the American Dental Association. He is a Democrat, a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, and belongs to the Elks Lodge and Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree. He also is a member of the Joliet Rival Club.

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**George F. Hacker** is a representative business man and leading citizen of Joliet, where he is president and treasurer of the Hacker-Sime Company, manufacturers of sash doors and interior trimmings. This well established business was founded in 1882 by Christ Hacker and incorporated in 1893 as the C. Hacker Company. Mr. Hacker served as president and treasurer until the time of his death, which occurred on Feb. 19, 1920. Mr. Hacker was a native of Germany and one of the early settlers of Mokena, Will County. He served during the Civil War. He married Miss Sophia Swartz, also a native of Germany. To them were born three children: George F., the subject of this sketch; Frederick, died at the age of 22 years; and Emma, married Martin Saxton, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Hacker are buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Joliet.

George F. Hacker has always lived in Joliet. He attended the public schools and in early life became associated with his father's business, being vice president and secretary of the C. Hacker Company. Upon his father's death he became president and treasurer of the business. Mr. Hacker is also president of the Joliet Plate Window Glass Company and a director of the Will County National Bank.

In 1892 Mr. Hacker was united in marriage with Miss Anna Warner, of Joliet. They have the following children: Viola, married Albert Fitzer, of Frankfort Township, Will County, and they have two children, Louis and Robert; Estella, lives at home; Letha, married Walter Schoop, of Joliet, and they have two daughters, Charlotte and Marjorie; Winifred R., married R. Williams, of Joliet, and they have a daughter, Marion; Christ F.; George W.; and Frederick H.

Mr. Hacker is a Republican, a member of the English Lutheran Church, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias.

**Albert H. Krusemark** is a leading attorney and prominent citizen of Joliet, where he is engaged in the practice of his profession with offices in the Barber Building. He was born in Manhattan Township, Will County, June 16, 1882, the son of Louis and Mary (Schoop) Krusemark.

Louis Krusemark was born in Germany. At the age of 21 years he emigrated to the United States and settled in Will County where he engaged in general farming and stock raising. He and his wife now reside at Frankfort, Ill. They are the parents of the following children: Fred Krusemark, attorney, identified with the Lambert Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio; Lena, married Loch Biehler, lives at Oak Park, Ill.; Mae, married Dr. McMahan, lives at Mokena, Ill.; Clara, married Alvin Marti, lives in Rich Township, Cook County; Estelle, married James Bathell, lives at Oak Park, Ill.; and Violet, married Frederick Whitlark, lives at Mokena, Ill.

Albert H. Krusemark was two years old when his family removed to Lenox Township. He entered the public schools of Lenox and Frankfort Townships, and was graduated from Valparaiso University. He studied law at Northwestern University and was admitted to the bar of Will County in 1908. He immediately established his present practice in Joliet.

On Feb. 12, 1914, Mr. Krusemark married Miss Estellwagen, of Frankfort. They have two children, Albert and Corinne.

Mr. Krusemark is a Republican, a member of St. Peter's Evangelical Church of Frankfort, and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge. He is identified with the Will County Bar Association.

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**Bernard F. Bailey**, who is superintendent of the Phoenix Horse Shoe Company, Joliet, is a leading citizen of the community. He was born in New York City, June 30, 1880, the son of Bernard and Charlotte (Scriber) Bailey.

Bernard Bailey, retired, was for many years identified with the Phoenix Horse Shoe Company, having spent 40 years in its service. He died Aug. 10, 1928. His wife died in June, 1906, both are buried in Elmhurst Cemetery, Joliet. To Mr. and Mrs. Bailey were born ten children, all of whom are living.

Bernard F. Bailey was 13 years old when his parents settled in Joliet. He completed his schooling in the public schools of this city and in early youth entered the employ of the Phoenix Horse Shoe Company

as a machinist. He later became a foreman and in 1916 was promoted to superintendent of the rolling department. In January, 1928, Mr. Bailey completed 30 years of service with the company.

On June 15, 1905, Mr. Bailey married Miss Alvira Godfrey, of Joliet. They have two children: Ralph Newton, born in 1906, a graduate of Joliet Township High School, lives at home; and Evelyn Arville, a graduate of Joliet Township High School, attends Weston Normal School.

Mr. Bailey is a Republican and a member of the Grace Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church.

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**Henry J. Schluntz.**—Prominently identified with the business life of Joliet is Mr. Schluntz, who successfully deals in loans, insurance and real estate, with offices in the Young Building. He was born in the town of Will, Will County, April 27, 1873, the son of Joachim and Sophia (Lange) Schluntz.

Joachim Schluntz was born in Germany, as was his wife. He emigrated to the United States in 1865 and settled in Will County, where he became a prosperous farmer. He died Dec. 24, 1916, and his wife died April 25, 1909. Both are buried in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, at Washington, in Will County.

Henry J. Schluntz spent his boyhood on the home farm and received his education in the public and parochial schools of eastern Will County. He attended high school at Pullman, Ill., and took a business course in Chicago. After leaving school he worked as an accountant in Chicago until the year of the panic, 1893. He then held clerical positions at Peotone, Ill., and Grant Park, Ill., and in August, 1895, was appointed deputy county clerk and deputy clerk of the County Court of Will County. In 1900 he was elected clerk of the Circuit Court of Will County and was reelected in 1904. On March 1, 1909, Mr. Schluntz opened offices in Joliet in the Young Building and established his present business. Since 1912 he has been associated with Hjalmar Rehn, now State's Attorney of Will County. His son, H. Howard Schluntz, attorney, has been connected with the business since 1925.

On June 12, 1898, Mr. Schluntz was united in marriage with Miss Ottilia Kolstedt, of Monee, Will County. She is the daughter of John and Magdalena (Ress) Kolstedt, natives of Germany. Mr. Kolstedt was for many years supervisor of the town of Monee, and also was a member of the Illinois State Legislature for two terms. He died July 30,

1910, and his wife died in 1925. To Henry J. and Ottilia (Kolstedt) Schluntz were born three children: H. Howard, lawyer, Joliet; J. Morton, civil engineering student at Purdue University; and Marjorie E., attends Millikin University.

Mr. Schluntz is a staunch Republican and he and his family hold membership in St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Joliet.

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**Charles Norman Sprague**, who lives retired in Joliet, is a well known resident of Will County and a member of one of the oldest and best known families of DuPage Township. He was born in DuPage Township, June 19, 1846, the son of Thomas J. and Lydia (Swift) Sprague.

Thomas J. Sprague was born in Erie County, N. Y., Nov. 23, 1810. He came to Will County in 1837 and settled in DuPage Township, where he became a prosperous and well known dairy farmer. At one time he was the owner of 800 acres of land. He shipped milk to the Chicago markets and for many years ranked among the county's successful dairymen. He died Oct. 22, 1898, and is buried in Barbers Cemetery, DuPage Township. Mr. Sprague was township assessor and active in local politics. He was a staunch Democrat and was affiliated with A. F. & A. M. No. 538, Lockport. He was married on Jan. 9, 1845, to Lydia (Swift) Godfrey, a widow. To Mr. and Mrs. Sprague the following children were born: Charles Norman, the subject of this sketch; Mrs. Elizabeth Mather, lives in Joliet; Mrs. Albert Phelps, lives in DuPage Township; and Mrs. Celia Sargent, resides in Naperville, Ill. A half-sister, a Mrs. Lord, lives at Elgin, Ill.

Charles Norman Sprague attended the district schools and those of Naperville, Ill., for one winter. He remained on his father's farm until his marriage in 1869, after which he rented one of his father's farms. Three years later he returned to the homestead to help his father in the dairy business, which had developed on an extensive scale. The business was moved to Joliet in October, 1886. Mr. Sprague retailed milk and produced high grade butter and cheese for many years. After he left that business he and his brother Frank purchased 513 acres of land in Lockport Township, Will County, and on this tract conducted a dairy, selling rights to the railroad and other concerns. They also dealt in stone for about ten years. They continued the dairy for many years, and finally disposed of it to the Flint Sanitary Milk Company. Charles





CHARLES NORMAN SPRAGUE



N. Sprague has since lived retired in his comfortable home at 805 Van Buren Street, Joliet.

On Nov. 25, 1869, Mr. Sprague was united in marriage with Miss Alice C. Killmer, a native of DuPage Township. She was born Dec. 10, 1850, died Feb. 13, 1900, and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Joliet. To this union were born three children: Harriet M., married Robert Matteson, lives in Joliet, and they have a son, Charles C.; Mabel, married Oscar Kase, lives in Joliet, and they have a son, Harry; and Thomas K., lives at Joliet and is county auditor of Will County, married Miss Streitz, and they have a son, Thomas K., Jr.

Mr. Sprague was married the second time on June 3, 1920, to Mrs. Evelyn Lolman, born South Bend, Ind., and was reared in Erie County, N. Y., the daughter of Henry and Mariam Craig, both deceased. Mrs. Tolman was the widow of Howard Tolman, of Otto, N. Y. He was serving as superintendent of schools at Gowanda, N. Y., at the time of his death in 1911. Mrs. Sprague had a daughter by her first marriage, Edna May, who died in infancy.

Mr. Sprague is a Republican and has held the offices of town clerk and township assessor of DuPage Township. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the A. F. & A. M. He is prominently identified with the community in which he has spent his entire life.

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**Thomas Killmer Sprague**, auditor of Will County, is one of the substantial citizens and honored men of Joliet, of which city he is a native son. He was born May 15, 1893, the son of Charles Norman and Alice (Killmer) Sprague.

The paternal grandfather, Thomas Jefferson Sprague, and the maternal grandparents, Reuben and Hannah Killmer, were New Yorkers who became early settlers of Will County, where they became prosperous farmers. Charles Norman Sprague in addition to his farming interests was successfully engaged in the quarry industry in Will County. Later in life he became a dairyman. He is now living retired.

Growing up in his native city, Thomas Killmer Sprague attended the public schools and was graduated from Joliet Township High School in 1914. He succeeded his father in the dairy business and continued to conduct it until January, 1918, when he sold it to enter the World War. On April 29, 1918, he enlisted and was assigned to the 124th Machine Gun Regiment, 33rd Division, of the U. S. Army. He served in France

and participated in the Meuse-Argonne offensive, the St. Mihiel offensive, and other major engagements. He went "over the top" seven times and for his capture of 14 German soldiers he received a citation for bravery on Sept. 26, 1918. After the armistice he was stationed at Luxemburg and while there attended the University. He returned to the United States from Brest, France, with his regiment and was honorably discharged on May 30, 1919. Upon his return to Joliet he was interested in the general insurance business until April, 1920, when he was elected a member of the Board of Supervisors, Will County. He served for two terms. In 1922 he was appointed examiner in the department of trade and commerce for insurance, and he continued to serve as such until December, 1924, when he was elected auditor of Will County.

On May 16, 1922, Mr. Sprague married Miss Martha J. Streitz, of Joliet, the daughter of Rudolph and Hermine Streitz, natives of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Sprague have a son, Thomas Killmer, who was born March 24, 1923.

Mr. Sprague is a member of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Republican. His fraternal connections are Matteson Lodge A. F. & A. M. No. 175; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. No. 27; Joliet Commandery, K. T. No. 4; Medinah Temple; B. P. O. Elks, No. 296; Modern Woodmen of America; Isaak Walton League; Harwood Post No. 5, American Legion; the "40 and 8" society; and the Musicians Union.

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**J. Arthur Baskerville**, who is successfully engaged in the real estate business in Joliet, is a member of one of the oldest and best known families of Will County. He was born in Florence Township, the son of Thomas and Mary (Martin) Baskerville.

Thomas Baskerville was born in Ireland. In 1841 he emigrated to the United States and settled on a farm in Florence Township, Will County. He became a successful grain and live stock farmer and spent the greater part of his life in Florence Township, removing to Wilmington, Ill., in 1901. He died in 1906 and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Wilmington. His wife was born in Florence Township and was the daughter of James Martin and Catherine (Garhan) Martin. She died in August, 1927, at the age of 83 years. The Martins were also natives of Ireland and among the earliest settlers of Will County. To Thomas and Mary (Martin) Baskerville the following children were born:

Catherine, married E. C. Shabot, lives at Kankakee, Ill.; Benjamin J., lives retired in Joliet; Thomas J., lives retired in Joliet; Ada, married D. L. Hogan, lives at Kankakee, Ill.; Harry R., a farmer, lives in Florence Township, Will County; Mary, married John McDonald, lives in Joliet Township, Will County; J. Arthur, the subject of this sketch; and Florence, married J. B. Warner, lives at Wilmington, Ill.

The boyhood of Arthur Baskerville was spent in Florence Township, where he attended the district schools. He also attended Wilmington High School and in early life was associated with his father in farming and stock raising. When 21 years of age he engaged in farming alone in Florence Township and continued to be one of the representative farmers of that section for more than 40 years, being the owner of a fine farm of 470 acres. In 1924 Mr. Baskerville disposed of his land and removed to Joliet, where he has since been interested in the real estate business with offices in the Young building.

On Oct. 14, 1902, Mr. Baskerville was united in marriage with Miss Grace Smith, of Manhattan, Ill. They have had five children, as follows: Mary, died at the age of three months; Margaret, a graduate of St. Francis Academy, lives at home; Florence, a graduate of St. Francis Academy, lives at home; Grace a graduate of St. Francis; and Thomas, attends LaSalle College.

Mr. Baskerville is an independent voter. He is a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, 3rd degree, and Modern Woodmen of America.

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**William N. Elwood.**—One of the outstanding citizens of Joliet is W. N. Elwood, who is president of the Union Machinery Company, and a member of one of the prominent pioneer families of Will County. He was born in Joliet, March 17, 1871, the son of James G. and Margaret (Pearce) Elwood.

James G. Elwood, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born at Lockport, Ill., in 1840. During the Civil War he served as captain of Company D, 100th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Mr. Elwood became a prominent business man of Joliet, being the founder of the Joliet Water Company and one of the organizers of the Joliet Telephone Company. He was also secretary of the Joliet Gas Company for a number of years. He died in 1918 at the age of 78 years, and his wife died in 1916. Mr. Elwood was also active in local politics, having served as mayor and postmaster of Joliet. To Mr. and Mrs. Elwood the following children were born: Ward P., lives in Joliet; W. N., the sub-

ject of this sketch; Louise M., lives in Joliet; and Mrs. Arthur Leach, who lives in Joliet.

Nelson D. Elwood, father of James G. Elwood, was a prominent pioneer citizen of Joliet. He was born in Otsego County, N. Y., Nov. 23, 1818, and died in Joliet, Feb. 24, 1861. He came to Lockport, Ill., in 1837, where for a short time he was employed in the engineering department of the Canal office. In 1843 he was elected county clerk and three years later was admitted to the bar, and soon after formed the firm of Parks & Elwood, with whom he continued until his death. He was one of the organizers of the Chicago & Rock Island Railroad which was opened from Joliet to Chicago in October, 1852, with Mr. Elwood as secretary, a position which he continued to hold until about 1857.

William N. Elwood received his early education in the public schools of Joliet. For a number of years he was associated with his father's various business interests, and in 1912 was one of the founders of the Union Machinery Company. The business was incorporated in 1914 with a capital stock of \$125,000. Mr. Elwood has served as president of the company since 1923. B. A. Evans is vice president. The Union Machinery Company, one of the city's leading business enterprises, employs approximately 75 men. They are manufacturers of baking machinery and have equipped some of the largest bakeries in the country. Their trade also extends throughout Europe, South America, China, and Japan.

In 1898 Mr. Elwood was married at Nashville, Tenn., to Miss Jessie Connell, of Joliet, the daughter of Frank Connell. They have two children: Mrs. John J. Heath, a graduate of Wellesley College, and the University of Chicago, lives in Chicago; and Gavion Nelson, a graduate of the University of Chicago, associated in business with his father. Mr. and Mrs. Elwood have a grandchild, John J. Heath, Jr., who was born in 1926.

Mr. Elwood is identified with the Republican party in politics. He is a member of the Episcopal Church and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, No. 4 Knights Templar, Joliet. He also belongs to the Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce.

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**George P. Petersen**, who is treasurer and general manager of the Hansen-Petersen Company, Inc., general contractors, has been a leading business man of Joliet for many years. He was born in Denmark, Sept. 1, 1878, the son of Rasmus and Karen (Paulsen) Petersen.

Rasmus Petersen, deceased, was an early settler of Illinois. He and his wife were born in Denmark. The greater part of his life was spent on a farm in Cook County and he was well known as a successful stockman. He died at the age of 77 years and is buried at Lemont, Ill. His widow resides at Joliet and is 84 years of age. To Mr. and Mrs. Petersen were born four children: Rasmus, lives in New York; Martin, died in 1895, at the age of 20 years; George P., the subject of this sketch; and Minnie, married James Hansen, lives in Joliet.

George P. Petersen was a small child when his parents came to the United States. They settled at Lemont, Ill., where he attended the public schools. He learned the carpenter trade and in 1897 came to Joliet. In 1907 he became associated in the general contracting business with James Hansen, and they organized the Hansen-Petersen Company, which was incorporated in 1913 with the following officers: James Hansen, president; E. E. Pentz, vice president; George P. Petersen, treasurer and general manager, and James Merrill, secretary. Among the company's largest contracts may be mentioned the Y. M. C. A., and the First Presbyterian Church. They have also erected many public and industrial buildings.

In 1908 Mr. Petersen married Miss Daisy Jones, of Joliet, and they have three children: Richard, attends Joliet Township High School; Dorothy, attends Farragut school; and Willis, at home. A son, George, died at the age of 14 years and is buried in Elmhurst Cemetery.

Mr. Petersen is independent in politics. He is a member of the Will Avenue Presbyterian Church and is affiliated with the Masonic and Elk Lodges, Rotary Club, and Chamber of Commerce.

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**Joseph Kochevar**, enterprising and well known druggist of Joliet and candidate for State representative, is a native of this city, where he was born Jan. 20, 1900. He is the son of Michael and Anna (Jenco) Kochevar.

Michael Kochevar, deceased, was a representative pioneer citizen of Will County. He was born in Austria and came to the United States about 40 years ago and settled in Joliet. He became well known in the city's business life, being president of the Slovain Liquor Company, and a director of the Joliet Citizens Brewing Company. He was also active in local politics, having served as city supervisor. Mr. Kochevar died Feb. 12, 1926, and is buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Joliet. His

widow resides at 807 North Raynor Avenue. To Mr. and Mrs. Kochevar were born the following children: Anna, married Frank T. Tezak, lives in Joliet; Joseph, the subject of this sketch; Margaret Troppe, lives in Joliet; Frank, retired; Lillian and Leonard, both at home. Mary, Julia, and Michael, Jr., all deceased, are buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Joseph Kochevar obtained his education in St. Joseph's school and after his graduation from high school became interested in the drug business. In 1925 he purchased the store of Frank Gospodaric, pioneer druggist of Joliet. The business is located at 702 East Washington Avenue. It is among the finest drug stores in the city and one of the largest.

On April 21, 1926, Mr. Kochevar was united in marriage with Miss Mayme Joyman, of Joliet, the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Spreitzer) Joyman. Mr. Joyman is the owner of a well established cigar business at 200 Jackson Street, Joliet. Mrs. Kochevar was educated in the public schools of Omaha, Neb., and in 1917 was graduated from Boyle's College. Mr. and Mrs. Kochevar have a son, Joseph, Jr., born Oct. 20, 1927.

Mr. Kochevar is a Republican, a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, Third degree, and Elks Lodge. He is a director of the Joliet Citizens Brewing Company, and is also interested in the Citizens Petroleum Company, and the Joliet Morris Development Company. The family residence is located at 811 Raynor Avenue.

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**Robert E. Haley.**—Holding rank as one of the ablest attorneys of Joliet, Robert E. Haley is prominent throughout Will County. He was born in this city, March 5, 1879, the son of Patrick C. and Mary Anastasia (D'Arcy) Haley.

Patrick C. Haley, deceased, was a prominent pioneer citizen of Joliet, where he engaged in the practice of law for many years. He also served as mayor. Mr. Haley was born at Saranac, N. Y., in 1849, and came to Joliet with his parents in 1852. He was graduated from the University of Michigan in 1869, and immediately thereafter established his law practice in this city. He died Feb. 21, 1928, being active in practice within three months of his death. Mr. Haley was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and belonged to the Elks Lodge, and Hamilton Club of Chicago. His wife was born April 10, 1852, in Joliet, the daughter of John and Margaret Darcy, natives of Ireland. She died Dec. 25,



1927. To Mr. and Mrs. Haley were born nine children as follows: Margaret, unmarried, lives in Joliet; Robert E., the subject of this sketch; Raymond, born Sept. 27, 1881, died in 1924; Columbia D., lives in Joliet; Madeline and Genevieve, both unmarried, live in Joliet; Paul C., lives at Akron, Ohio; Angela, married Harry P. Keeley, lives in Joliet; and John P., attorney, Joliet.

Robert E. Haley grew up in Joliet and attended the public schools. He was graduated from the University of Michigan in 1905 and was admitted to the bar of Will County that year. He has practiced in Joliet since 1905 and has offices in the Cutting Building. He has served as city attorney.

On Feb. 11, 1907, Mr. Haley married Miss Wilhelmina Mather, of Joliet, the daughter of Asa F. and Lucetta (Raver) Mather. Mr. Mather, deceased, was a leading member of the Will County bar for more than half a century. He died March 25, 1925, at the age of 82 years. His wife died in 1923. Mr. and Mrs. Haley have two children: Margaret Mather, born in 1918; and Robert M., born in 1922.

Mr. Haley is a Democrat, a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, and is affiliated with Elks and Eagles Lodges.

During the World War Mr. Haley volunteered for service. He was injured while in training at the Officers Training School and soon after his recovery was discharged from the service in November, 1917. He is a member of the American Legion.

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**Alfred J. Hebert**, one of Joliet's progressive business men and well known citizens, is a native of this city. He was born April 17, 1884, the son of Moses and Eliza (Callahan) Hebert.

Moses Hebert was born at Three Rivers, Canada. He was among the earliest settlers of Joliet, having located here in 1850. For some years he was identified with the old Scott Lumber Company and also engaged in teaming. He died in 1916 at the age of 69 years and is buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Joliet. His wife, born in Ireland in 1847, died in 1915. To Mr. and Mrs. Hebert were born the following children: Alice, Lydia, Henry, William, Ruth, and George, all deceased; Sarah, unmarried, lives in Joliet; and Alfred J., the subject of this sketch.

Alfred J. Hebert obtained his education in the public schools of Joliet and following his graduation from the Joliet Township High

School, he entered the employ of Charles Barber, general merchant. Eight years later the store was purchased by Simon Lederer, and Mr. Hebert continued with the business. In 1908 the store was purchased by M. A. Feldman, and thereafter was known as the New York Store. Mr. Hebert remained as buyer and store manager until 1922, at which time he became associated with the George Peeling Company, wholesale and retail dealers in wall papers and paints. This business was founded in 1876 by George Peeling, who died in 1919. It was then conducted by his son, Elbert, who died three years later. The widow of Elbert Peeling, Louise Peeling, is half owner of the business, Mr. Hebert also has a half interest in the business.

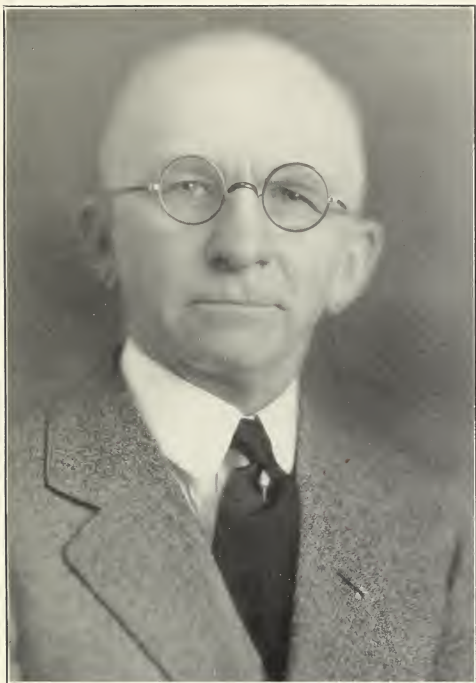
Mr. Hebert is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and belongs to the Elks and Eagle Lodge. He is unmarried.

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**Charles Adams Russell**, secretary and treasurer of James G. Heggie & Sons, Inc., is among the substantial citizens of Joliet. He was born in Lockport Township, Will County, April 11, 1867, the son of Charles C. and Elizabeth (Adams) Russell.

Charles C. Russell was born at Johnstown, in Montgomery County, N. Y. and his wife was a native of St. Lawrence County, N. Y. About 1858 Mr. Russell came to Illinois and settled in Lockport Township, Will County, where he engaged in general farming. He later lived in Joliet, where he worked as a carpenter. Mr. Russell died Oct. 8, 1883, and his wife died Oct. 9, 1915. Both are buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Joliet. Mr. Russell was a Republican. He and his wife were charter members of the First Presbyterian Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Russell were born six children as follows: Amos C., retired, lives at Corona, Calif.; Anna E., died in 1925, was deputy recorder of deeds of Will County for 40 years; George, deceased, buried at Rochester, N. Y.; Jennie, married E. H. Stanley, lives at Cortland, N. Y.; Belle, died in 1912, buried in Joliet; and Charles Adams, the subject of this sketch.

Charles Adams Russell received his education in the public schools of Joliet. He spent six years in the employ of the Barrett Hardware Company as a salesman and in 1890 went to Chicago, where he was department manager for the Horton, Gilmore & McWilliams Wholesale Hardware Company. Seven years later he returned to Joliet, where he was associated for two years with the quarry business of James Bruce. In 1899 he became bookkeeper and cashier for James G. Heggie, and in



CHARLES ADAMS RUSSELL



1913 when the business of James G. Heggie & Sons was incorporated, Mr. Russell was made secretary and treasurer. He is also secretary and treasurer of the Heggie Simplex Boiler Company, which was incorporated in 1923.

In 1895 Mr. Russell was married to Miss Alice Bradford, the daughter of Chauncey and Catherine (Lewis) Bradford. Mr. Bradford, deceased, was a native of Will County, and was one of the first Knight Templars of Joliet. He was a well known merchant of this city. His wife was born at Dresden Heights, Ill., and is also deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Russell two sons have been born: Charles Chauncey, a graduate of the University of Illinois, chemical engineer with the Koppers Company of Pittsburgh, Pa., married Miss Mary Barrett, the daughter of Edwin C. Barrett, and they have a daughter, Anne Elizabeth; and William Bradford, a graduate of the University of Illinois, manager for the Heggie Simplex Boiler Company, married Miss Mary McCauley, the daughter of James A. and Florence McCauley, of Plainfield, Ill., and they have a daughter, Mary.

Mr. Russell is a Republican, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and belongs to Mount Joliet Lodge, A. F. & A. M. No. 42; B. P. O. Elks, No. 296; Joliet Country Club, Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, Hamilton Club of Chicago, and Traffic Club of Chicago.

Mrs. Russell is prominent in club life of Joliet, being president of the Women's Club, and former president of the Women's Joliet Rotary Club, and Women's Study Club. She is a member of the board of managers of the Presbyterian Home for the Aged at Evanston, Ill., and former president of the Women's Missionary Society and the Ladies Aid Society.

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**Charles F. Bush** is one of the reliable business men of Joliet where he is agent for the American Railway Express Company. He was born in this city, April 10, 1865, the son of Frank and Harriet (Stevens) Bush.

Frank Bush was born in Vermont in 1828 and died in 1897. He was among the early settlers of Will County, where he became successful as a cattle dealer. His wife was born in England. She died in 1911 at the age of 82 years and is buried in Elmhurst Cemetery, Joliet. To Frank and Harriet (Stevens) Bush were born four children: Hattie, deceased, was the wife of Peter Shutts; Lulu, lives in Joliet; Charles F., the subject of this sketch; and Arthur W. Bush, a shoe merchant who

resides at Mendota, Ill; he married Miss Mary Hubbard, and they have two children, Arthur W., Jr., and Katherine H.

Charles F. Bush spent his boyhood in Joliet and attended the public school. He was employed in the Will County National Bank as clerk and teller for several years and in 1893 entered the employ of the Wells Fargo Express Company. After a quarter of a century of service with this company it was merged with the American Railway Express Company and Mr. Bush became local agent.

On June 20, 1898, Mr. Bush was united in marriage with Miss Emma Frances Hubbard of Joliet. They have three children: Franklin; Harriet Stockwell, lives at home; and Dorothy, who attends the University of Illinois.

Mr. Bush is a Republican, and a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

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Charles O. Hasey, who has been in the employ of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad for the past 54 years, is among the substantial and well known men of Joliet. For the past 16 years he has served as cashier of the local station for the company. Mr. Hasey was born at Lincoln, Maine, Dec. 12, 1852, and came to Illinois with his parents in 1865.

In early life Mr. Hasey became an employe of the C. R. I. & P. Railroad and worked under H. N. Marsh, station agent of Joliet. He began as a night telegraph operator and later was promoted to day operator. He then was promoted to station agent and in 1912, when the new station was erected he was appointed cashier for the company.

Mr. Hasey was married on Feb. 26, 1875, to Miss Ella A. Strickland, of Joliet, the daughter of Henry W. and Mariah Strickland, natives of England. They have the following children: Florence Ella, lives at home; Ethlyn M., married Louis Prepenbrink, lives at Joliet; and Earl C., lives at Joliet. He is supreme dictator of the Loyal Order of Moose in this district of Illinois, and has offices in the Morris Building, Joliet. He married Miss Myrtle Plumore.

Mr. Hasey is a Republican, a member of the Episcopal Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge, Knights Templar, and Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. Hasey was one of the founders of the Will County Historical Society, being its first president, and was also one of the organizers of the Public Library in this city.

**Charles S. Nowell** is among the most progressive business men of Joliet where he is secretary and treasurer of the Superior Wall Paper Company, which is located at 1708 East Washington Street. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, June 11, 1872.

When Charles S. Nowell was 12 years of age his family went to Youngstown, Ohio, where he attended the public schools. He has always been interested in the wall paper business and for nine years conducted a store at Niles, Ohio. He then spent two years in the same work in St. Louis, and one year in Chicago. After coming to Joliet Mr. Nowell was connected with the Star Peerless Wallpaper Company as a salesman for six years. He then organized the Joliet Wall Paper Mills, of which he served as president for three years. He was later associated with the Montgomery Ward Company and in 1919 became identified with the Superior Wallpaper Company as secretary and treasurer.

On Jan. 7, 1903, Mr. Nowell married Miss Margaret Snedden, of Oil City, Pa.

Mr. Nowell is a Republican, and belongs to the Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce.

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**Walter B. Huey, M. D.**—An experienced physician and surgeon, Doctor Huey is numbered among the representative men of Joliet, and is one who has honorably won the position he holds in his profession. He was born at Abingdon, Ill., Nov. 9, 1878, the son of John S. and Myra C. Huey.

John S. Huey, deceased, was prominent as a lawyer in Chicago for more than half a century. He was born in Hancock County, Ill., March 8, 1853, and spent his entire life in Illinois. He died Feb. 24, 1928, and his wife died in 1921 at the age of 68 years. They had four children: Ray S., lives at Duluth, Minn.; Walter B., the subject of this sketch; Mary B., unmarried, lives at Shelby, Mich.; and Harold E., apple grower, lives at Shelby, Mich.

The early education of Walter B. Huey was obtained in the public schools of Chicago, where his family had moved when he was two years old. After his graduation from Hyde Park High School he entered Rush Medical College, from which he received his degree as Doctor of Medicine in 1903. He then served as an interne in the Alexian Brothers Hospital in Chicago and was a member of the faculty of the Medical

School of Northwestern University for one year, and also practiced in Chicago at the same time. Doctor Huey in 1906 practiced at El Campo, Texas, and in 1912 he came to Joliet, where he has continued in practice to the present time. He is connected with the staffs of the local hospitals and is surgeon for the Illinois Steel Company, the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railroad, and the Michigan Central Railroad. He maintains offices in the Joliet National Bank Building.

On Sept. 27, 1911, Doctor Huey was united in marriage with Miss Jerusa Burry, of Chicago. They have three children: Caroline, Jane, and Walter, all students.

Doctor Huey is identified with the Will County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society, the American Medical Association, and he is also a fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

Doctor Huey is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias, Modern Woodmen of America, and the Joliet Country Club.

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Frank E. Hyatt, Doctor of Osteopathy, is well and favorably known in Joliet, where he has successfully engaged in the practice of his profession since Jan., 1904. He was born Sept. 11, 1867, at Gardner, Ill., where he spent his early youth.

Doctor Hyatt attended the schools at Avalon, Mo. He then studied osteopathy at the American College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in Chicago, from which he received his degree in 1904. He then practiced his profession for a short time before coming to Joliet, where he established offices in the Cutting and Young building. In 1908 he moved to Tallapoosa, Ga., and in 1911 came to Joliet, Ill. He is now assisted in practice by his son, Dr. Clarence E. Hyatt, mention of whom is made below.

Doctor Frank E. Hyatt married Miss Nettie E. Lanfear, of Homer Township, Will County. They have a son, Clarence E., who was born in Lockport, Dec. 16, 1900. He graduated in 1923 from the Chicago College of Osteopathy and spent some time in practice at Grand Haven, Mich, before locating in Joliet with his father. He is prominent in the affairs of the Boy Scouts and at present is serving as local scoutmaster. While in Grand Haven, Mich., Dr. Clarence E. Hyatt served as scout commissioner of the Grand Haven Council, Boy Scouts of America. He received his commission as second lieutenant Inf. Reserve, Aug. 10, 1928. He was married Oct. 14, 1922, to Miss Belle A. Edmonds, of



Hastings, Mich. They have three children: Preston, Anita, and Norman. Doctor Hyatt is a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian church. He also belongs to the Masonic lodge and Modern Woodmen of America.

Dr. Frank E. Hyatt is a Republican and holds membership in the Baptist church; the Modern Woodmen of America.

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**Lloyd B. Houston**, manager of the Bradstreet Company's office in Joliet, is a representative young business man of this city. He was born at Webster City, Iowa, Dec. 27, 1898.

In 1900 the family of Lloyd B. Houston removed to Waterloo, Iowa. The family later moved to Memphis, Tenn., and in 1915 removed to Dubuque, Iowa, where Lloyd B. Houston, graduated from High School in 1918. He then enlisted in the World War, and was discharged shortly after the signing of the Armistice. After leaving the army he attended the University of Iowa. He began his business career with a wholesale tobacco company at Dubuque, Iowa, and later served in the accounting department of the Illinois Central Railroad. April 10, 1922, Mr. Houston became connected with the Dubuque office of Bradstreets, and a year later was transferred to Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He has held his present position in Joliet since 1925.

On Nov. 2, 1922, Mr. Houston was united in marriage with Miss Helen M. Curran, of Dubuque.

Mr. Houston is a member of the Methodist Church and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, Kiwanis Club, and American Legion. He is independent in politics.

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**J. R. Kearns** is among the progressive business men of Joliet, where he is district manager for the Illinois Inspection Bureau, with offices in the Will County National Bank Building. He was born at Rockford, Ill., Aug. 17, 1886, the son of Hugh and Julia (O'Brien) Kearns.

J. R. Kearns received his early education in St. Vincent's School in Chicago. He was later graduated from the Armour Institute and began his business career with the International Harvesting Company as time-keeper. After four years he went with the Liverpool, London & Globe Insurance Company of Chicago and six years later became identified

with the Illinois State Board of Fire Underwriters and the Northern Illinois Inspection Bureau at Rockford. He spent three years with the Indiana Inspection Bureau and then assumed his present connection with the Illinois Inspection Bureau in 1910. For the past ten years he has been located in Joliet.

On Oct. 17, 1917, Mr. Kearns married Miss Loretta Erhardt, of Joliet, and they have a son, Jack, who was born in 1918.

Mr. Kearns is a member of the Catholic church, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, 3rd degree, and Kiwanis Club. He is independent in politics.

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**Harless W. King**, president of the King Coal Company, is a highly esteemed and prominent citizen of Joliet, where he was born Nov. 1, 1873. He is the son of John P. and Hannah (Leonard) King.

John P. King was born near Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 18, 1832. When he was three years old his father, Andrew King, came to Will County and purchased a farm near the city of Joliet, where he resided until the time of his death in 1849. He left a family of 11 children, of whom John P., father of the subject of this sketch, was the oldest. When John P. King was 19 years of age he made the journey to California and remained there for 12 years, working as a farmer and miner. He also operated a stage line between Eureka and Red Bluff, Calif. Mr. King returned to Joliet in 1864 and two years later became interested in the lumber business which he continued during the remainder of his life. W. W. Bishop became his business partner in 1869, the firm being known as King & Bishop. In 1878 Mr. King served as alderman from the Seventh Ward. He was a trustee and prominent member of the Universalist Church and also served as school director. He was married Sept. 12, 1867, to Miss Hannah Leonard of Joliet, and they had three children: Lulu B., is the widow of A. C. Puffer, she resides in Joliet; Gertrude M., the wife of G. M. Lernard, resides in Joliet; Harless W., the subject of this sketch, and John W., resides in Birmingham, Ala.

Harless W. King received his education in the public schools of Joliet and attended St. John's Military Academy in Wisconsin. He was also graduated from the University of Illinois. He was associated with his father's lumber business until 1911 when he went with the Alexander-Dailey Lumber Company. In 1916 Mr. King made connections with the Mitchell Company, and seven years later purchased the business, which is now known as the King Coal Company. It was incor-

porated in 1927 with a capital stock of \$10,000. The officers are: Harless W. King, president; Mary F. King, vice president; and J. M. King, secretary and treasurer.

On May 15, 1895, Mr. King married Miss Mary F. Mack, a member of one of the oldest families of Will County. They have three children: Margaret, married Orrin S. Douse, of Joliet, and they have two children, Orrin King and Molly; John Mack, a graduate of the University of Chicago, married Virginia Reber, of Wheaton, Ill., and they have two children, Molly Mae, and James Reber; and Jean Isabel, lives at home, is a graduate of St. Francis Academy and Knoxville Academy.

Mr. King is a Republican, a member of the Episcopal Church, of which he is senior warden, and he also belongs to the Elks Lodge and Joliet Country Club.

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**Thomas Joseph Testin.**—A substantial citizen and dependable young business man of Joliet is found in Thomas Joseph Testin, who has engaged in the drug business here for several years. He was born at Aurora, Ill., Nov. 26, 1894, the son of Edward and Catherine (Durnan) Testin.

Edward Testin, deceased, was a native of Illinois. He spent most of his life in Joliet and was a boilermaker by trade. He died in 1927. His widow resides here. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Testin: Dr. Henry, physician, lives at Beverly Hills, Calif.; Thomas Joseph, the subject of this sketch; John E., a graduate of the Illinois School of Pharmacy, now associated with his brother in the drug business; Mrs. Nellie Reiter, lives at Plainfield, Ill.; Mrs. Russell Laird, lives at Joliet; and Linna, lives at home.

Thomas Joseph Testin attended the public schools of Joliet and was graduated from Joliet Township High School in 1912. He then entered the University of Chicago, where he specialized in the study of chemistry and bacteriology. He began his business career in the drug store of S. F. Schick, and in 1921 he became owner of the business, which is located at 317 Morris Building. He makes a specialty of laboratory work and is widely known throughout the county as a bacteriologist.

On June 22, 1921, Mr. Testin was married to Miss Naomi Archambeault, of Wisconsin.

Mr. Testin is a Republican, a member of St. Raymond's Catholic Church, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, third degree, and Chamber of Commerce.

**Eugene Nelson Harris** was born on a farm a few miles south of Morris, Grundy County, Ill., Dec. 17, 1884, a son of Frank May and Kate (Brown) Harris.

His father, Frank May Harris, was a native of Circleville, Ohio, a son of Hiram and Martha (Wilkerson) Harris. As a young man he engaged in newspaper work which brought him to Morris, Ill., where he was associated with his brother-in-law, Mr. Eugene B. Fletcher, who was editor of the Morris (Ill.) Herald. He later became interested in fraternal insurance work and was for many years a field representative for the Independent Order of Foresters of Toronto, Canada, in charge of the Kentucky and Tennessee state districts, with headquarters at Louisville, Ky. He was a Royal Arch Mason and a Grand Lodge Lecturer for the State of Kentucky. Politically he was a Republican and belonged to the Presbyterian Church. He died on Nov. 9, 1924, at Shelbyville, Ky., and is buried in Millington Cemetery at Millington, Ill.

The mother, Mrs. Frank M. Harris, was a daughter of Isaac Neuton and Phoebe Ann (Clarke) Brown who lived on a farm north of Morris.

There are four sisters and three brothers living: Mary, wife of James White, of Morris, Ill.; Lucy, wife of Virgil C. Waller, of Yonkers, N. Y.; Hazel, wife of Philip G. Magner of Wabash, Ind.; Ota, wife of Charles C. Porter of Shelbyville, Ky.; Frank M. of Oswego, Ill.; Arthur N. of Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; and William McKinley of Culver City, Cal.

Eugene Harris attended the "Sadler" School, south of Wauponsee, Grundy County, and the public schools of Morris. In January, 1896, the family moved to Joliet and he entered the Old Richards Street school where he finished the grade school work. He entered the Old High School at the corner of Webster and Chicago streets, graduating with one of the early classes from the present High School. He took a course in embalming at the Chicago College of Embalming and was licensed in this work by the State Board of Health.

For some time he was associated with the firm of Hughes & Shutts, later Scott & Company, in the Masonic Temple. From 1907 until 1909 he was order and bill clerk at the Scott Street plant of the American Steel and Wire Company. He spent one year in charge of the Harry Walz Funeral Home at Danville, Ill. On returning to Joliet he established the French Dry Cleaning and Dye Works at the corner of Ottawa and Van Buren streets, which business he carried on until the building was razed to build the Adam Arcade. On Feb. 1, 1910, in company with Wm. A. Watson of Odell, Ill., a branch of the Western Casket and Undertaking Company was opened at the corner of Ottawa and Cass streets.



EUGENE NELSON HARRIS



On May 1, 1912, Mr. Harris purchased a one-half interest in the undertaking establishment operated by Wm. C. Wunderlich, continuing the business under the name of Wunderlich and Harris until Nov. 1, 1917, when Mr. Charles Sonntag of Plainfield was taken into the firm which has been known as Wunderlich, Harris & Sonntag since that time. This firm maintains one of the best appointed and equipped undertaking establishments in the United States.

On June 30, 1910, Mr. Harris was united in marriage with Miss Bess Mae Hutchinson, a daughter of Lansing and Lillian Hutchinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris have two children: Robert Taylor, president of the Junior class in the Joliet Township High School, and a member of the Joliet Township High School Band which has for three years won first place in the National High School Band Contests. In the 1928 contest he won first place in the French Horn Solo contest.

Rachel, a daughter of ten years is a student at Farragut School.

Mr. Harris is a member of the official board of the Richard Street M. E. Church.

Fraternally he is affiliated with Mt. Joliet Lodge No. 42, A. F. & A. M. (was worshipful master during the year 1912), Joliet Chapter No. 27 R. A. M., Joliet Council No. 82 R. & S. M., Joliet Commandery No. 4, Knights Templar, Ansar Temple, A. A. O. N. M. Shrine, Joliet Shrine Club, is past Patron of Marguerite Chapter No. 187 Order of the Eastern Star, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Joliet Kiwanis Club, and Joliet Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Harris is interested in the Boy Scout movement and has held several appointments in that organization being now chairman of the Richards Street Church Troup Committee. Politically he is a Republican. His hobbies are golf and motor touring.

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**Alfred M. Bourgo** is a substantial citizen of Joliet, where he has served as assistant postmaster for a period of 20 years. He was born at Houtzdale, Clearfield County, Pa., March 23, 1880, the son of Peter and Margaret (Meagher) Bourgo.

Peter Bourgo was born in France. In early life he came to America and settled in Canada. Later he removed to Pennsylvania. He died about 1900 and is buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Joliet. His widow, who lives at Joliet, was born at Houtzdale, Pa. To Mr. and Mrs. Bourgo were born four children: Alfred M., the subject of this sketch;

Thomas F., lives in Joliet; May, married Richard Walsh, lives in Minnesota; and Cecil, married Howard Harrington, lives in Chicago.

In early life the family of Alfred M. Bourgo settled in Joliet, where he was reared and educated. He is a graduate of Joliet Township High School and the Metropolitan Business College. He was employed as a clerk in the Stillman Drug store for some time and was later an employe in the county clerk's office, having served under Alfred E. Mottinger. In November, 1908, he entered the Joliet post office as assistant post-master.

In May, 1926, Mr. Bourgo married Mrs. Jennie C. Hendrickson of Joliet, the daughter of John and Wendle (Mortinson) Carlson, natives of Sweden, and residents of Joliet. By a former marriage Mr. Bourgo has a son, Alfred Bartlett, who was born in Joliet, Dec. 30, 1916.

Politically Mr. Bourgo is identified with the Republican party. He is a member of Christ Episcopal Church, and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge.

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**Albert E. Hutchinson**, who has successfully engaged in the shoe business in Joliet for the past 25 years, ranks high among the substantial men of the community. He was born at Livingston, Ill., July 14, 1883, the son of Lansing and Lillian (Taylor) Hutchinson.

Lansing Hutchinson was born at Trenton, N. J., and was four years old when his parents came to Illinois. They located in Livingston County, where Lansing Hutchinson became a successful farmer. He specialized in the raising of grain and livestock. He died in Joliet in 1911, where he had resided for five years. His wife, a native of Missouri, died in 1921. Both are buried in Elmhurst Cemetery, Joliet. Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson were the parents of the following children: Lottie, married Byron Carney, lives at Portland, Ore.; Arthur, lives at Portland, Ore.; Albert E., the subject of this sketch; Bessie, married E. N. Harris, mortician, Joliet; Viola, married L. J. Hills, lives at Carbondale, Ill.; and Lorene, married Ralph E. Hensinger, lives in Canada.

Albert E. Hutchinson grew up in Livingston County and attended the public schools. In 1897 he went to Sibly, Ill., where he completed his schooling, and he then was employed in his father's grain elevator. At the age of 19 years he came to Joliet, and established his present shoe business. He has met with marked success in his undertaking and is accounted one of the reliable business men of the city. His store is located at 105 North Chicago Street.



On Feb. 8, 1909, Mr. Hutchinson was married to Miss Irene Richards, of Joliet, the daughter of W. D. and Magdalene (Morgan) Richards, both deceased. They have two children, June and Richard, both students.

Politically, Mr. Hutchinson is a Republican. He is affiliated with the Masonic lodge and also belongs to the Kiwanis Club. He holds membership in the Richard Street Church, of which he served as choir director for 12 years. He is also a member of the board of trustees and the official board.

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**Frank J. Zidek** has a wide acquaintance in Joliet, where he deals in foreign exchange. He also is interested in the real estate and insurance business. Mr. Zidek was born in Bohemia, April 26, 1885, and spent his early life in his native land. He was graduated from the College of Vysoky-Myto, and after completing his schooling he came to the United States in 1904 and settled in Chicago, where he worked as a laborer, and in 1912 he started in the insurance business in Chicago. He has been a resident of Joliet since 1919, and in that year established his present business at 406 Elwood Street.

On Jan. 7, 1907, Mr. Zidek married Miss Rose Hauner, of Chicago. They have two daughters, Mildred and Helen, both graduates of Joliet Township High School.

Mr. Zidek is independent in politics, and has no club affiliations.

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**Barrett Black**, manager of the Sweet-Orr Company, Inc., is well known among the progressive business men of Joliet. He was born at Liberty, N. Y., Jan. 18, 1876, the son of Charles Black and Nancy (Gillette) Black.

Charles Black was born in New York State and died there in 1881. His wife, also a native of New York State, died in 1905. They were the parents of nine children, three of whom are deceased.

Barrett Black was five years old when he went to live in New York City with his mother. He attended the public schools and earned his own living when but thirteen years of age, being employed in a floral shop. He continued in that work until he was 25 years old and then became associated with the Sweet-Orr Company, Inc. In Jan. 1901, he began as stock boy and shipping clerk at Wappingers Falls, N. Y., and in May 1901 he was transferred to Newburgh, N. Y., as stock foreman.

In November, 1904, Mr. Black came to Joliet as stock foreman in charge of shipping in the company's local plant, and in July, 1925, he took over the managership of the Joliet branch, which position he now retains. They are manufacturers of working clothes for men and maintain their offices in New York City.

Mr. Black is a Republican and belongs to the Masonic Lodge, Elks Lodge, and Chamber of Commerce. He is unmarried.

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**Edward C. Hintz**, secretary of the Joliet Wall Paper Company, is among the well known business men of Joliet. He was born in Chicago, Dec. 11, 1885, the son of Carl and Wilhelmina (Gley) Hintz.

Carl Hintz, retired, was a native of Germany, as is also his wife. They were early settlers of Chicago where they now reside. Edward C., the subject of this sketch, was their only child.

Edward C. Hintz obtained his education in the public schools of Chicago and after completing a business course he came to Joliet in 1909, where he accepted a position as bookkeeper for the Star Peerless Wallpaper Mills. He was one of the organizers of The Joliet Wall Paper Mills in 1914, and at that time was made secretary of the same.

On Aug. 8, 1908, Mr. Hintz was united in marriage with Miss Jessie K. Klipfel, of Chicago. They have a daughter, Virginia M., born Jan. 22, 1910. She is a graduate of Joliet Township High School.

Politically Mr. Hintz is a Republican. He is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and belongs to the Masonic and Elks Lodges, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Kiwanis Club.

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**Sarah Jane Baldwin**, retired school teacher of Joliet, is among the well known and highly esteemed women of the community. She was born in St. Joe County, Mich., where her early life was spent. She began her teaching career at Blue Island, Ill., and also taught in Chicago. She was connected with the schools of Joliet for many years, having taught in the following schools: The Broadway; the Eastern Avenue School, now known as the Frank Marsh; and the Seventh Ward. In 1909 she retired.

Sarah Jane Alexander married Henry G. Baldwin, a native of London, England, who came to the United States in early life and settled at Blue Island, Ill. He was a teacher and farmer. Mr. Baldwin died

at the age of 24 years and is buried in Joliet. To Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin was born a son, Herbert H. He was graduated from Northwestern Medical College in 1876 and became one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Joliet, where he continued in practice until the time of his death in April, 1927. He was buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Joliet. Dr. Baldwin married Miss Minnie Axey Folsom, of Hankinson, N. D. They had a daughter, Sarah Margaret, who married Harold Kemp, and they live in New York City. The widow of Dr. Herbert H. Baldwin, resides in Joliet with her mother-in-law, Sarah Jane Baldwin.

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**Anthony J. Korst** is among the successful merchants of Joliet, where he is engaged in the jewelry business at Clinton and Ottawa streets. He was born in this city, Dec. 6, 1890, the son of Nicholas and Eva (Fredrick) Korst.

Both Nicholas Korst and his wife were born in Germany. They emigrated to the United States in 1870 and during that year came to Joliet, where Mr. Korst followed his trade as a blacksmith. He died May 14, 1921, and his wife, who was born Sept. 6, 1851, died Nov. 24, 1910. They are buried in St. John's Cemetery, Joliet. To Mr. and Mrs. Korst were born eight children, of whom Anthony J., the subject of this sketch, is the youngest.

Anthony J. Korst obtained his education in the parochial schools. After completing his schooling he became interested in the jewelry business, having entered the employ of George E. Flagans, in March, 1905. Two years later he became associated with Carl Oesterle, with whom he remained eleven years. Since 1919 Mr. Korst has conducted his own business, and until March, 1928, was located in the Morris Building. He has met with success in his business and owns one of the fine shops of Joliet.

On Sept. 9, 1913, Mr. Korst was united in marriage with Miss Augusta Tietz of Joliet, the daughter of Emil and Mary (Stengele) Tietz, both deceased. Mrs. Korst was born in St. Louis, Mo., and has been a resident of Joliet since 1900. There are four children in the Korst family, Marie, Loretta, Dorothy and Charles.

Mr. Korst and his family hold membership in St. John's Catholic Church, and he belongs to the Moose and Eagles Lodges and Chamber of Commerce. In politics he is a Republican.

**Eugene J. Bensen**, proprietor of the Bensen Cash Grocery, is one of the most popular merchants of Joliet. He was born in Sweden, Dec. 22, 1859.

Mr. Bensen spent his early life in his native land where he received his schooling. He came to the United States in 1880, and resided with the family of J. D. Paige in Joliet. He was employed by Mr. Paige for several years and later engaged in general farming in New York. He established his present business in Joliet in 1921. His business is located at 653 Cass Street.

In 1884 Mr. Bensen married Miss Dorothy Hoffer, who died in 1907. They had four children: Rena Viola, married Frank R. Downey, and they have a daughter, Dorothy; Omi, married Clarence Sibley, lives at Jacksonville, Fla., and they have two children, Louise and Robert; Elmer H., lives at Danville, Ill., married Miss Henrietta Petersen, of Joliet, and they have four sons, Elmer Eugene, Otto Allen, Raymond Francis, and Harry Earl; and Ruby, married R. H. Salisbury, lives in Joliet.

In 1909 Mr. Benson married Miss Inga Fosen, a native of Sweden. They have a daughter, Ethel, who was graduated from Joliet Township High School in 1928.

Mr. Bensen attends the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias, Independent Order of Vikings, and Chamber of Commerce.

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**Walter W. Welsch**, one of the enterprising young business men of Joliet, is a veteran of the World War. He was born in this city, Jan. 28, 1896, the son of R. T. and Hulda (Gierich) Welsch.

Walter W. Welsch was educated in the public schools of Joliet, from which he was graduated in 1911. He was employed in his father's contracting business and also spent several years with the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railroad. During the World War Mr. Welsch volunteered for service and throughout the duration of the war was stationed at a camp in New Jersey. Following his discharge he became interested in business in Joliet in partnership with his brother, Roland W. In 1919 they established the Welsch Waterproof Block Company, which is located at 111 North Stevens Avenue. Approximately 25 men are employed in the plant which has a daily output of 4,000 blocks. They manufacture concrete materials of various types, including foundation block, Litewate Nail Block walls, chimney blocks, fire places, garbage

receptacles, garden furniture, and clothes line posts. The new plant is located at Gardner Street, south of Hickory Creek.

On March 22, 1922, Mr. Welsh was united in marriage with Miss Mabel Meyers. They have a son, William Walter, born Dec. 12, 1926.

Mr. Welsh is a Republican, a member of the First Lutheran Church, and belongs to the Kiwanis Club and the Chamber of Commerce.

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**Hamilton L. Ruggles** is one of the progressive business men of Joliet, where he is identified with the Star Peerless Wallpaper Company. He was born at Frankfort, Ill., March 29, 1863, the son of Lorenzo and Emily (Shaffer) Ruggles.

Lorenzo Ruggles was born in Luzerne County, Pa., Feb. 9, 1822. He came to Illinois in 1845 and located at Frankfort, in Will County. He died Oct. 5, 1911, and his wife, who was born June 22, 1827, died April 22, 1918. They are buried at Frankfort. To Mr. and Mrs. Ruggles the following children were born: Mary J., born April 20, 1848, lives at Daytona Beach, Fla.; Emma A., born Sept. 17, 1850, died July 26, 1917; Sarah C., born May 29, 1855, married Dr. Conrad Scheer, lives at Tinley Park, Ill.; Eva Gilbert, born Dec. 6, 1857, lives at Sourlake, Texas; Cora Merwin, born March 22, 1860, lives in Joliet; and Hamilton L., the subject of this sketch.

Hamilton L. Ruggles lived at Frankfort until he was 16 years of age and was educated there. He then went to Colorado to live with a sister and while there was employed by the Denver and Rio Grand Railroad. He had learned telegraphy and was later in the employ of the Michigan Central Railroad for about 20 years. In 1900 he went to Omaha, Neb., and the following year was located at St. Joseph, Mo. In November, 1901, he returned from the west and located at Hammond, Ind. Later he went to Porter, Ill., where he was employed as office manager and superintendent by the Hydraulic Pressed Brick Company. In 1916 Mr. Ruggles came to Joliet and accepted a position with the Michigan Central Railroad as chief clerk. In 1918 he became associated with the Star Peerless Wallpaper Company as head of the billing department and has since served in that capacity.

On June 27, 1888, Mr. Ruggles was united in marriage with Miss Jennie LaFontaine, of Joliet, the daughter of Damas and Lucy LaFontaine, both deceased. To them were born three children: E. Bernice, born April 15, 1890, a graduate of the Cosmopolitan School of Music,

now a teacher of voice and piano, in Joliet, married Bernard A. Evans; Leonard L., born November 14, 1894, a graduate of Purdue University, lives at Wheaton, Ill., he is employed by the Automatic Electrical Company of Chicago as an electrical engineer, married Miss Irene Fuller of Lafayette, Ind., and they have three children, Phyllis, Dorothy, and Wayne; and Helen B., born Jan. 29, 1897, married Edward L. Cook of Chicago, architect, and they have two daughters, Virginia Fay and Doris Jane.

Mr. Ruggles and his family have a wide acquaintance throughout Will County and are highly esteemed.

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**Martin J. Ivec, M. D.**, is among the leading physicians and surgeons of Joliet, where he has engaged in the practice of his profession for the past 24 years. He was born at Semich, Jugo-Slavia, formerly Austria-Hungary, Oct. 12, 1878, the son of Jacob and Agnes Ivec.

Jacob Ivec, who died in 1880, spent his entire life in Jugo-Slavia. He was a prominent business man of Semich and active in the civic affairs of his community. His widow emigrated to the United States in 1888 with her two sons, Martin J. and John, and they settled at Cold Springs, Minn., where Mrs. Ivec still resides. Martin J. and John Ivec are twins. The latter is a druggist at Oaks, N. D.

Martin J. Ivec was ten years of age when he came to this country with his mother. He was educated in the public schools of Richmond, Minn., and in 1897 received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from St. John's University, Collegeville, Minn. He then taught school for two years and later attended Little Falls (Minn.) Business College. During the summer sessions of 1898 and 1899 he attended the St. Cloud State Normal School at St. Cloud, Minn. He subsequently took up the study of medicine at the University of Minnesota and later at Rush Medical College, Chicago, from which he received his degree as Doctor of Medicine in 1904. He immediately established his practice in Joliet and during 1905-06 served as interne under Chief Surgeon Nicholas Fenn, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Chicago. He returned to Joliet in 1906, where he has continued in practice, with the exception of time spent in post-graduate work. During 1922 he studied surgery at the University of London, and in 1923-4 took post-graduate work at the University of Vienna, where he specialized in eye, ear, nose and throat surgery. Be-



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sides his extensive private practice, Dr. Ivec is also a member of the staff of St. Joseph's Hospital and Silver Cross Hospital.

On June 12, 1907, Dr. Ivec was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Schall, the daughter of Nicholas Schall. Mr. Schall was a prominent farmer of Beaver, Boone County, Iowa. He died in 1915.

For twelve years Dr. Ivec was supreme medical examiner of the Slavonian Catholic Union of America, the South Slavonic Catholic Union and St. Barbara Fraternal Union, all fraternal life insurance organizations. At present he is surgeon for the Moore Brothers Stove Works, Joliet, Ill.

Dr. Ivec is identified with the Will County Medical Society, Illinois State Medical Society, and American Medical Association. He is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and is active in the affairs of the Slavonic Catholic Union.

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**Leslie A. Touzalin**, who is assistant general superintendent of the Joliet Works of the Illinois Steel Company, is one of the highly esteemed and widely known men of Joliet. He was born in Chicago, Sept. 8, 1881, the son of George A. and Theresa M. (Arnold) Touzalin.

George A. Touzalin was born at Columbus, Ill., in 1845. He was a tailor by trade and spent the greater part of his life in Chicago, where he died Feb. 23, 1911. He is buried in Forest Home Cemetery, Chicago. His widow, now 75 years of age, lives at Joliet. To Mr. and Mrs. Touzalin were born two sons: Leslie A., the subject of this sketch; and Chester A., born May 24, 1884, died Jan. 31, 1926.

Leslie A. Touzalin obtained his education in the public schools of Chicago. He attended the Lewis Institute and later was graduated from the Rose Polytechnical School at Terre Haute, Ind., in 1904, as a chemical engineer. He began his professional career as a consulting chemist with H. M. Deavitt, Chicago, and a year later went with the Chicago Works of the Illinois Steel Company as a research chemist. He was later made assistant chief chemist and spent 11 years in the Chicago plant. In 1922 Mr. Touzalin was transferred to the Joliet Works as superintendent of the blast furnaces, and in November, 1926, he was promoted to assistant general superintendent of the works.

On Nov. 27, 1905, Mr. Touzalin married Miss Florida J. Hutchins, of Chicago. They have three children: Helen L., born Aug. 28, 1906, was graduated from Knox College in 1928; G. Allen, born Jan. 1, 1909, was

graduated from Joliet Township High School in 1928; and Robert E., born April 13, 1917, attends public school Joliet.

Mr. Touzalin is a member of the Central Presbyterian Church, of which he is an Elder, and he belongs to the Masonic Lodge, Rotary Club, Joliet Country Club, and Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of the Joliet School Board.

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**J. V. Kelly** is among the most popular men of Joliet, where he is secretary of the Loyal Order of Moose. He was born in this city, April 5, 1889, the son of John and Catherine (McFadden) Kelly.

John Kelly was born at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and was among the early settlers of Joliet, having located here about 1860. Throughout his active career he was engaged in railroading. He died in 1910 at the age of 62 years and is buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery. His wife, a native of Joliet, died in 1890. She was the daughter of James and Ellen McFadden, natives of Ireland, and pioneer settlers of Will County. To Mr. and Mrs. Kelly were born three children: Josephine, died in 1912, was the wife of Thomas Coughlin; Mary, married Joseph Eme, lives in Chicago; and J. V., the subject of this sketch.

Following his graduation from Joliet Township High School, J. V. Kelly was connected with various business enterprises in the city. In 1913 he accepted the office of secretary of the Loyal Order of Moose.

On Sept. 2, 1914, Mr. Kelly married Miss Mary Goebel, of Joliet, a daughter of Joseph and Julia (Fiday) Goebel. Mr. Goebel is a resident of Joliet, where he has been in the employ of the Illinois Steel Company as general foreman for almost half a century. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly have no children.

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**Theodore Bolstad** ranks high among the representative business men of Joliet, where he is proprietor of the Joliet Office Supply Company, which is located at 118 North Chicago Street. He was born in Chicago, May 10, 1881, the son of K. O. and Elizabeth Bolstad.

K. O. Bolstad was born in Norway. He came to the United States in 1861 and settled in Chicago, where he spent many years in the wholesale clothing business. He died in 1924 at the age of 75 years and is buried in Rosehill Cemetery, Chicago. His wife died in 1903. To Mr. and Mrs. Bolstad were born the following children: Arthur, died in

1894 at the age of 18 years; Mrs. Stella Pederson, lives at Maywood, Ill.; Mrs. Alma Nicoli, lives at Maywood, Ill.; Theodore, the subject of this sketch; Dr. Herbert, physician, lives at St. Paul, Minn.; and Mrs. Luella Davis, lives at Maywood, Ill.

Theodore Bolstad was educated in the public and high schools of Chicago. He began his business career with the Chicago National Bank and served as a teller until 1904, at which time he went with the Denison Manufacturing Company of Chicago as a traveling salesman. He was connected with this concern until February, 1919, when he established his present business in Joliet. The Joliet Office Supply Company carries a complete line of office equipment and supplies, and also handles sporting goods.

On June 29, 1912, Mr. Bolstad married Miss Charlotte Rife, of Warsaw, Ill. They have two daughters, Dorothy Laura, and June Elizabeth.

Mr. Bolstad is a member of the First Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge and Kiwanis Club. He has always been a Republican.

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Frank E. Bretz, chief probation officer of Will County, is among the prominent and highly esteemed citizens of Joliet. He was born at Lockport, Will County, March 14, 1875, the son of Peter and Elizabeth (Lachmann) Bretz.

Peter Bretz, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born in Germany and came to the United States about 1855. When only 14 years of age he enlisted for service in the Civil War and served as a member of Battery D, Light Artillery, Second Illinois Regiment. He served throughout the duration of the war, and after his discharge returned to Lockport where he followed the trade of a stone mason. He died in 1922 at the age of 88 years, and is buried in the Lockport Cemetery. His widow, a native of Alsace-Lorraine, is now 91 years of age. She lives in Joliet. To Mr. and Mrs. Bretz the following children were born: Mrs. Josephine Spaulding, lives in California; Mrs. Elizabeth Hardin, lives at Ottawa, Kans.; Mrs. Emma Westermann, deceased; Albert P., lives in Chicago; Mrs. May Freund, deceased; and Frank E., the subject of this sketch.

Frank E. Bretz obtained his education in the public schools of Lockport. He was employed as a salesman there for several years and later came to Joliet, where he engaged in the grocery and meat business for eight years. He then spent eight years in the employ of the Schultz

Baking Company of Chicago, and in October, 1927, was appointed chief probation officer of Will County.

Mr. Bretz was married Dec. 31, 1902, to Miss Bernice Margaret Leddy, of Lockport, the daughter of James and Mary (Smith) Leddy. Mr. Leddy is deceased and his widow lives in Chicago. To Mr. and Mrs. Bretz have been born four children: Marian Bernice, Madeline Frances, and Elizabeth Mary, all graduates of Joliet Township High School; and Frank Edward, Jr., who attends Farragut School.

Mr. Bretz is a member of the Masonic Lodge and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. He and his family hold membership in the Presbyterian Church.

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**Horace H. Brown** is well known among the reliable and successful business men of Joliet, where he is sole owner of the J. D. Brown & Company business, pioneer druggists of Will County. He was born in this city, and is the son of J. D. and Emily G. (Bartle) Brown.

J. D. Brown, who held the distinction of being the second druggist and chemist of Joliet, George Woodruff being the first, was a native of New York. He was born in Rensselaer County, N. Y., March 12, 1826. He received his education in Lyman Cross Academy at Troy, N. Y., completing the course in 1842 at the age of 16 years. He then engaged in the drug business with his uncle at Lansingburg, N. Y., where he remained two years. He then came West and located at Joliet, where he established the business which now bears his name. The store has continued in operation continuously since 1844 and is not only the oldest business house in Joliet, but the oldest established retail drug store in Illinois, and one of the most dependable firms. Their honest and upright dealings combined with unusual energy have been responsible for the outstanding success of this well known enterprise. J. D. Brown died in February, 1895, and the business was continued by his sons, Horace H. and Eugene C., until 1900, when Eugene C. died and since then the business has been carried on by H. H. Brown.

On Sept. 10, 1846, Mr. Brown married Miss Adelia Brown, in New York. They had two children, George and Mary M. Brown. The first wife of Mr. Brown died in September, 1855, and in September, 1858, he married Miss Emily G. Bartle. To this union were born three children: Eugene, Helen and Horace H.

Horace H. Brown grew up in Joliet and attended the public schools. He is a graduate of the Chicago College of Pharmacy. He is assisted in

his business by three other graduate pharmacists and since the death of his honored father has succeeded in carrying out his policy of honesty in all business dealings. The "Prescription Store," as it is known, guarantees to its patrons honesty and courtesy in its transactions and it is among the few business houses that are satisfied with a small margin of profit.

On June 8, 1900, Horace H. Brown married Miss Bonnie Smith, of Pontiac, Ill., the daughter of Frank Smith. Mr. Smith, a veteran of the Civil War, is a prominent pioneer citizen of Pontiac, Ill., where he engaged in the jewelry business for many years. He is now 83 years of age. To Mr. and Mrs. Brown a daughter was born, Marion. She is a graduate of Joliet Township High School and Lasell Seminary, at Auburndale, Mass.

Mr. Brown is a member of the Episcopal church and belongs to the Elks Lodge and Chamber of Commerce.

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**Joseph A. H. Beach** is one of the representative and highly successful business men of Joliet, where he conducts the dry goods business which was established by his father more than 40 years ago. He was born at Morris, Ill., Sept. 6, 1877, the son of LaFayette and Amelia A. (Hennessey) Beach.

LaFayette Beach was born at Dansville, N. Y. He came to Illinois in 1868 and engaged in the dry goods business at Morris until 1888, at which time he removed to Joliet and opened a store at 209-211 North Chicago Street. He successfully conducted this business until the time of his death, which occurred on May 14, 1914. He is buried at Morris, Ill. His widow, also born at Dansville, N. Y., resides at 1209 Cass Street, Joliet. To Mr. and Mrs. Beach were born four children: Mrs. Maud A. Wallace, lives in Joliet; Leighton F., deceased; Joseph A. H., the subject of this sketch; and Blaney A., deceased.

Joseph A. H. Beach grew up at Morris and was 11 years old when his family came to Joliet. He completed his early schooling in this city and later spent three years at Phillips Exeter Academy. He took up the study of medicine but due to ill health he gave up his plans and went to Arizona, where he spent ten years. While there he was interested in the sheep business, which he sold out in 1911. He then returned to Joliet and reentered his father's business. Upon the latter's death Mr. Beach, in partnership with his brother, Blaney A. Beach, purchased the stock

of Louis Stocker, a stockholder, and they conducted the business at 209-11 North Chicago Street until 1920, at which time the new store was occupied at Cass and Chicago streets.

Mr. Beach is a Republican, a member of the Episcopal Church, and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, Joliet Commandery No. 4, Rotary Club, and Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Beach is president of the Merchants Association of Joliet and also is president of the L. F. Beach Company of Joliet.

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**Ray Beach Wallace**, who is identified with the L. F. Beach Company, is numbered among the progressive and enterprising young business men of Joliet. He was born in Chicago, March 27, 1897, the son of Frank P. and Maud (Beach) Wallace.

Frank P. Wallace is a native of Fond du Lac, Wis. He has been interested in the jewelry business in Chicago for 35 years. His wife was born at Morris, Ill. To Mr. and Mrs. Wallace were born two sons: Ray Beach, the subject of this sketch; and Norman B., who died at the age of four years.

Ray Beach Wallace received his early education in the public schools of Chicago and in 1920 was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with the degree of Bachelor of Science. The following year he received the degree of Master of Science from the same university. He served as a member of the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania for three years, and began his business career with the Supplee Ice Cream Company of Philadelphia. In 1924 he came to Joliet to accept his present position with the L. F. Beach Company, dry goods. He is now vice president.

On Feb. 2, 1923, Mr. Wallace married Miss Henriette Keil, of Philadelphia. She is a graduate of the Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace have two daughters: Joan, born July 11, 1926; and Jane, born Jan. 16, 1928.

Mr. Wallace is independent in politics. He is a member of the Episcopal Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge and Rotary Club. He is a director and vice president of the Chamber of Commerce.

During the World War Mr. Wallace enlisted in the Naval Aviation Department, and was an instructor and Pilot carrying government mail. He was commissioned ensign. He served about 18 months and was discharged in 1919. He was stationed at Hampton Roads, Va.

**Bernard A. Evans.**—Numbered among the successful business men of Joliet is Mr. Evans, who is vice president of the Union Machinery Company. He was born in London, England, in 1897, the son of Samuel H. and Mary (Holton) Evans.

Samuel H. Evans, who lives in Canada, is a native of London. For a number of years he has engaged in the shoe business. His wife was also born in England.

Bernard A. Evans obtained his education in England and at an early age went to Canada, where he became interested in the banking business. He began as a clerk in the Union Bank of Canada and was promoted to assistant auditor. He left Canada, in January, 1923, and soon after his arrival in Joliet became associated with the Union Machinery Company, as office manager. In 1926 he was elected vice president of the company.

On Feb. 19, 1921, Mr. Evans married Miss E. Bernice Ruggles, of Joliet, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton L. Ruggles. Mr. Ruggles is connected with the Star Peerless Wallpaper Company.

Mr. Evans is a Republican, a member of the Richards Street Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is deacon, and he also belongs to the Chamber of Commerce. His wife is an active member of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Joliet and is a prominent musician, being organist of the First Baptist Church. She also holds membership in the Women's Home Missionary Society and W. C. T. U.

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**Harry S. Weitzel, M. D.,** is among the leading and widely known physicians of Joliet, where he specializes in the treatment of nervous diseases. He was born in this city, Oct. 24, 1890, the son of Joseph Martin and Amelia (Dennison) Weitzel.

Joseph Martin Weitzel, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born at Harrisburg, Pa., and early in life went to Topeka, Kan., where he owned a ranch and was well known as a cattle dealer. In the 80's he came to Joliet where he was associated with one of the large steel plants in this city as a chemist. He continued in this work during the remainder of his life but was living retired for several years before his death, which occurred May 15, 1899. He is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Joliet. Amelia (Dennison) Weitzel was born in Scotland and was 15 years old when her family came to the United States and settled in Joliet. She is still a resident of this city. Two children were born to

Mr. and Mrs. Weitzel: Harry S., the subject of this sketch; and Emma, married George Rigby, Jr., grocer, lives in Joliet.

Harry S. Weitzel obtained his early education in the public schools of Joliet and in 1915 was graduated from the Chicago College of Naprapathy. He immediately established his present practice in Joliet, with offices in the Morris Building. Doctor Weitzel has been unusually successful in his particular work and has an excellent practice.

On April 26, 1916, Doctor Weitzel was united in marriage with Miss Minnie Shepley, of Minooka, Ill. They have two children: Mary Louise, born Feb. 15, 1918, and John Shepley was born Sept. 21, 1919.

Doctor Weitzel is identified with the Republican party in politics and he is affiliated with the Masonic lodge and its various organizations.

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**Ona E. McGovney**, who is successfully engaged in the real estate and insurance business at Mokena, is a member of one of the oldest families of Will County. He was born at Mokena, Sept. 11, 1879, a son of Ozias Erwin and Georgia C. (Knapp) McGovney.

A complete sketch of Ozias Erwin McGovney appears elsewhere in this history.

Ona E. McGovney received his education in the public schools of his native town and in 1897 began teaching school in District No. 121 and taught school for six years. In 1903 he became interested in the insurance business in his father's office, later succeeding to the business. In 1910 he was appointed postmaster of Mokena, in which capacity he served until 1919. He has also served as mayor and for 20 years has been a member of the village board, as well as secretary of the school board.

On Sept. 24, 1914, Mr. McGovney married Miss Amanda L. Staffel, the daughter of William and Fredericka (Krueger) Staffel. Mr. and Mrs. Staffel were natives of Illinois. Mr. Staffel is deceased and his widow lives at Blue Island. To Mr. and Mrs. McGovney were born three children: Elmira T., Erwin W., and O. Ellsworth.

Mr. McGovney is a Republican, a member of the official board of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is affiliated with Matteson Lodge, A. F. & A. M. No. 175, Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. No. 27; Joliet Council, R. and S. M. No. 82; Joliet Commandery, K. T. No. 4; and Modern Woodmen of America. During the World War Mr. McGovney was active in the





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work of the American Protective League, a member of the Four Minute Men, and was prominent in Liberty Loan and allied drives. In 1927 he became a charter member of the Civil Legion, being one of the first three men in Will County to become a member of this organization.

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**Carl G. Wollett**, who is general superintendent of the General Refractories Company, is among the substantial and widely known citizens of Joliet. He was born at Huntingdon, Pa., Feb. 14, 1891, the son of Scott S. and Anna (Wagner) Wollett.

Scott S. Wollett, deceased, was a native of Pennsylvania. He was in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad for many years and was serving as a freight conductor when he was killed in a wreck. His widow lives at Mount Union, Pa. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wollett; Aubrey, engineer on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, lives in Pittsburgh, Pa.; William B., a conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad, lives at Homestead, Pa.; John S., lives in Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mary, died at the age of 22 years, was the wife of Frank Jones, of Mount Union, Pa.; Carl G., the subject of this sketch; Ard, lives at Mount Union, Pa.; and Scott S., lives at Homestead, Pa.

The boyhood of Carl G. Wollett was spent at Pittsburgh, Pa., where he attended the public and high schools. The family lived in Pittsburgh, Pa., for about 12 years and after leaving Pittsburgh, Pa., the family moved to Mount Union, Pa., where Mr. Wollett was employed in a brick works. He has been associated with the General Refractories Company since 1916, having come to Joliet in May, 1912, to enter the employ of the American Refractories Company, which is now part of the General Refractories Company. The companies were merged in 1916. From 1912 until 1916 Mr. Wollett was connected with the Rockdale plant. He has held his present position as general superintendent since January, 1924.

On June 2, 1917, Mr. Wollett was united in marriage with Miss Mamie E. Cullman, of Joliet, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Cullman. The former is deceased and Mrs. Cullman lives in Joliet. Mr. and Mrs. Wollett have a daughter, Dorothy Jean, who was born Aug. 30, 1925.

Mr. Wollett is a Republican, a member of the English Lutheran Church of Joliet, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge.

**Julius G. Weese**, who is connected with the Weese Printing Company, is widely known among the energetic business men of Joliet. He was born Feb. 22, 1895, in Joliet, and is the son of Julius and Mary A. (Scheidt) Weese.

Julius Weese, deceased, was a native of Joliet, where he spent his entire life. He became interested in the printing business and devoted his life to that work, being the founder of the Weese Printing Company. He died in 1917 at the age of 42 years. His widow, a native of Alsace-Lorraine, now resides in Joliet. There were the following children in the Weese family: Julius G., the subject of this sketch; John M., in business with his brother, Julius; Marie, the wife of Frederick F. Van Horn, Joliet, Ill.; Frederick, deceased; Leo Arthur, resides in Lockport Township; Alma A., wife of Stanley Lawson, Joliet, Ill.; Josephine M., married Irving Koppelman, Joliet, Ill.; and Raymond L., Joliet, Ill.

Julius G. Weese grew up in Joliet and received his education in the public and parochial schools. Since 1917 he has been conducting the business which was established by his father in 1912. Both he and his brother are capable business men and are successfully carrying on this well established business.

Mr. Weese is a Republican, a member of St. John's Catholic Church, and belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Western Catholic Union, and president of the Speed Boys Athletic Club, the Joliet Rivals Club, and is also a member of the Joliet Typographical Union No. 194 and Central Trades and Labor Council of Will County. He is not married.

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**Oscar Gross** is prominent in Joliet, where he has been associated with the Winckler Decorating Company for many years. He was born in Chicago, June 1, 1876, the son of Arnold and Leona (Bercher) Gross.

Arnold Gross was born in Cadelburg, on the Rhine, Germany, in 1829, and his wife was a native of Switzerland. He came to the United States in 1850, making the voyage in one of the first steamships. He settled in Joliet, where he was employed as a stone cutter. A brother, Alexander Gross, was superintendent of the mason work during the building of the state capitol building. Mr. Gross later lived in Chicago for about 15 years. He died May 22, 1892, and his wife died in 1886. Both are buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Joliet. To Mr. and Mrs. Gross were born three children: Oscar, the subject of this sketch; Lena, unmarried, lives at Atwood, Ill.; and Ernest W., lives in Chicago.

Oscar Gross was ten years old when his family left Chicago and moved to Joliet. He was educated in the public schools and early in life served an apprenticeship with Fred Faust, decorator and painter. After seven years in the employ of Mr. Faust, Mr. Gross spent two years in the employ of his brother, Henry Faust. He later became associated with Mr. Winckler and William Doerfler for one year, and after the death of Mr. Winckler, Mr. Gross and Mr. Doerfler purchased Mr. Winckler's interests in the decorating business. Mr. Winckler was one of the pioneers of Joliet, in the decorating business. In 1908 he entered into partnership with Mr. Gross and Mr. Doerfler, and the firm name has been known as the Winckler Decorating Company since that time. They are among the leading painting and decorating contractors of Joliet. They have been in their present location at 125 South Bluff Street since 1911. The Winckler Decorating Company is widely known throughout Will County. They also do high grade decorating and interior work.

Mr. Gross married Miss Elizabeth Goetschel, a native of Germany, the daughter of George and Anna A. Goetschal. The former is deceased and the latter lives in Joliet. The Goetschel family came to America from Germany in 1848 and were pioneer settlers of Joliet. Mr. and Mrs. Gross have no children.

Mr. Gross is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, the Knight Templar and Chapters and Councils, and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and Chamber of Commerce.

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**Francis D. Willard**, vice president of the First National Bank of Wilmington, has had a veteran's service in banking, being connected with this institution for the past 25 years. He was born at Wilmington, Dec. 18, 1876, the son of E. W. and Jessie (Duck) Willard.

E. W. Willard, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War and a pioneer settler of Wilmington, having located here in 1856. He was born in New York State, Oct. 22, 1838. During the Civil War he enlisted in Company B, 23rd New York Volunteer Infantry, and was later commissioned first lieutenant, attached to the 138th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Mr. Willard was a pioneer druggist of Joliet and Wilmington, where he engaged in business for many years. He was prominent in Masonic circles in Will County and for a number of years was commander of the Knights Templar. He was a Republican in politics. Mr. Willard died Dec. 16, 1922. His wife, who was born in DuPage County,

Ill., March 9, 1848, died Sept. 16, 1917. Both are buried in Elmhurst Cemetery, Joliet. To Mr. and Mrs. Willard were born three children: Francis D., the subject of this sketch; Edward Hartley, who lives at Portland, Ore.; and Jessie Roberts, who lives in Connecticut. Edward Hartley Willard, was for many years a lumber dealer of Portland, where he operated three large lumber yards.

Francis D. Willard attended the public schools of Joliet. He was also educated at Oberlin College. In 1886 his parents removed to Joliet from Wilmington, where he resided for a number of years. He began his business career in the newspaper field and was later connected with wholesale grocery firms in Joliet and Lincoln, Neb., and from there went to Portland, Ore., where he was identified with the lumber business. He was connected with the First National Bank of Portland for a time, and upon his return to Joliet in 1904, entered the employ of the First National Bank, Wilmington. He has held practically every position in the bank during his connection with this institution, and has been vice president since 1920. He lives at 407 Union Street, Joliet.

In 1906 Mr. Willard married Miss Mary Rathbone, of Fort Morgan, Colo. They have two children, Juliet and Edward, who attend Washington School.

Mr. Willard has always been a Republican. He holds membership in the Presbyterian Church of Joliet.

The First National Bank of Wilmington, which was organized in 1863, is the oldest National Bank in Will County, its charter being No. 177. It has a surplus of \$50,000, and a capital stock of \$50,000.

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**James G. Heggie.**—One of the progressive business men of Joliet is found in James G. Heggie, who is president of the James G. Heggie & Sons Steel Plate Construction Company. He is also president of the Heggie Simplex Boiler Company. He was born in Scotland, Oct. 18, 1853, the son of John and Margaret (Smith) Heggie.

John Heggie, deceased, was a native of Scotland, where he spent practically his entire life as overseer of a large estate. He died at the age of 80 years and his wife died at the age of 84 years. Both are buried in Scone, Scotland. Mr. and Mrs. Heggie were the parents of five children, as follows: Jessie, deceased, was the wife of James Simpson; John, retired, resides in Joliet; Mary, deceased; Isabella, deceased, was the wife of David Dixon and James G., the subject of this sketch.

James G. Heggie spent his boyhood in his native land and was educated there. He came to this country at the age of 20 years and settled in Chicago. In 1875 he came to Joliet where he entered the employ of the employ of the Joliet Steel Company. He was employed in their shops for 17 years and resigned as foreman boilermaker. In 1892, in partnership with his brother, John Heggie, he organized the Heggie Brothers Company. The partnership continued for ten years, at which time James G. Heggie purchased his brother's interest. The plant continued in operation until 1913 when the business was incorporated as the James G. Heggie & Sons Steel Plate Construction Company. It is located at 1708 Collins Street. The Heggie Simplex Boiler Company, which employs about 80 men, is among the leading industrial plants of the city. They are builders of a special type of house heating boilers, which has an extensive domestic and foreign market. The officers of this company are as follows: James G. Heggie, president; John F. Heggie, vice president; and Charles A. Russell, Secretary and Treasurer. Thomas M. Meldrum is paymaster for both plants.

In December, 1878, Mr. Heggie was united in marriage in Chicago with Miss Kate Fraser, a native of Canada. She died in October, 1925, at the age of 67 years, and is buried in Elmhurst Cemetery, Joliet. To Mr. and Mrs. Heggie the following children were born: John F., lives at Joliet; Thomas M., lives at Joliet, where he is manager of the Collins Street plant; James M., died in 1918, at the age of 35 years; William R., who is shop superintendent of the Collins Street plant; Robert B., who is general utility man of the Collins Street plant; Fred, who is identified with the Heggie and Sons Steel Plant as assistant to his father, Joliet, Ill.; Jeanette Margaret, died at the age of 25 years; and Gordon A., who is superintendent of the Heggie Simplex Boiler Company.

James M. Heggie and Jeanette Margaret Heggie both died in November, 1918, from influenza, their deaths having occurred within 24 hours of each other.

Mr. Heggie is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge. He has served as alderman of Joliet and has always been active in civic affairs. He is a director of the Joliet Trust & Savings Bank. The family residence is at 204 Richards Street.

Mr. Heggie is a lover of poetry, the poet Byron, being his favorite author. He is also a reader of Scott and Thomas Hood. The poem, Hoods "Miss Kilmansegg and Her Precious Leg," consisting of 363 verses, is among the numerous recitations of Mr. Heggie.

**Franklin A. Deutschman** is prominent in Elwood, where he is identified with the Elwood Farmers Grain Company as manager. He was born on a farm in Jackson Township, Will County, March 30, 1875, the son of Herman and Sarah (Gockley) Deutschman.

Herman Deutschman, deceased, was a native of Germany. When he was 15 years of age he came to the United States with his father and settled in Jackson Township, Will County, where he spent the rest of his life as a general farmer and stockman. He was the owner of 320 acres of well improved land. Mr. Deutschman met with an accidental death, July 31, 1911, when 60 years of age. He is buried in North Ridge Cemetery, Jackson Township. He was a Democrat, a member of the German Lutheran Church, and was well known in his community. His widow, who was born in Lancaster County, Pa., has been a resident of Jackson Township since she was 12 years old. To Mr. and Mrs. Deutschman the following children were born: Clara, born Dec. 10, 1872, married Henry Buckman, lives at Larned, Kan.; Franklin A., the subject of this sketch; Ella, born June 5, 1877, married M. Gardner, lives in Kansas City, Mo.; Anna, born Nov. 4, 1878, married Chris Buckman, lives at Momence, Ill.; Wallace H., born Aug. 28, 1880, a farmer, lives in Jackson Township; Aaron D., born March 30, 1884, died Aug. 28, 1884; Minnie, born June 27, 1885, married Otto Goranson, lives at Freeport, Ill.; Josephine, born July 4, 1887, married Henry Reed, a farmer, lives in Jackson Township; Viola, born Oct. 27, 1889, married John Hess, a farmer, lives in Jackson Township; William A., born Sept. 14, 1891, a farmer, lives in Canada; Dora, born Nov. 16, 1893, married Paul Schiffler, lives at Napersville, Ill.; and Ira, born Oct. 19, 1896, died Aug. 24, 1897.

Franklin A. Deutschman obtained his education in the public schools of Elwood and attended Mount Morris College. He also took a business course in Joliet and began his business career in the offices of the Phoenix Horseshoe Works in this city. Later he spent two years in the employ of the Schweizer Commission Company, Chicago, and in 1914 became identified with the Elwood Farmers Grain Company. For the past 13 years he has been manager of the business.

On June 30, 1910, Mr. Deutschman was married at Manhattan, Ill., to Miss Milly Kahnt, a native of Germany, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kahnt, early settlers of Kankakee County, Ill., where Mr. Kahnt is a well known farmer. His wife is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Deutschman have a daughter, Ruth, who attends Joliet Township High School.



Politically Mr. Deutschman is a Republican. He has held several township offices and at the present time is treasurer of the Elwood School Board. He is a member of the Evangelical Church of South Ridge, Jackson Township.

The Elwood Farmers Grain Company was organized in May, 1914, with a capital stock of \$10,000. It does an annual volume of business amounting to more than \$350,000. Officers of the company are as follows: Frank Lichtenwalter, president; H. W. Palmer, vice president; Raymond Tehle, secretary; and Edward Herbert, treasurer. All are residents of Jackson Township.

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**John Coldwater**, mayor of Elwood, is a representative citizen of Will County, where he has spent practically his entire life. He was born at Fishkill, N. Y., June 13, 1856, the son of Adam and Mary (Burnhardt) Coldwater.

Both Adam Coldwater and his wife were natives of Germany and early settlers of New York. They came to Jackson Township, Will County, during the early days and settled on a tract of 400 acres. Mr. Coldwater died in 1874 and his wife died in 1872. They are buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Joliet. To Mr. and Mrs. Coldwater were born eight children, of whom John, the subject of this sketch, was the oldest.

John Coldwater obtained his education in the district school and throughout his active career engaged in general farming and stock raising. He has lived in Will County since 1858 and until his retirement in 1915 ranked among the leading stockmen of this section of the state. He is the owner of 360 acres in Jackson Township, and also owns 500 acres of land in Rice County, Kansas. He spent 15 summers on his farm in Kansas, where he was interested in sheep raising.

On Jan. 9, 1879, Mr. Coldwater was united in marriage with Miss Amanda Lingle of Jackson Township, the daughter of Henry and Barbara Lingle, pioneers of Will County. To Mr. and Mrs. Coldwater were born nine children, as follows: Frances, died at the age of 30 years, was the wife of John Eaton, of Jackson Township, and they had two daughters, Hazel and Gladys; Aaron, married Alice Jorgensen, lives near Elwood; Charles, died at the age of 20 years; Edward, married Pearl Myers, lives near Elwood, and they have three children, Donald, Franklin, and Beatrice; Venus, died at the age of three years; Walter,

lives on the Coldwater farm in Rice County, Kansas, married Gladys Caldwell, and they have a son, Walter, Jr.; Lester, lives at Joliet, married Miss Minnie Jorgensen; Bert, lives on the Coldwater homestead in Jackson Township, married Esther Bird; and Chester, lives at Elwood, married Miss Ada Caldwell, and they have a son, Harold.

Mr. Coldwater is independent in politics. He has served as mayor of Elwood for the past 12 years and has also filled other important offices in the community, having served as justice of the peace, highway commissioner, town clerk, and school trustee. For a number of years he served as manager of the Elwood Elevator Company.

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**Ernest G. McMahan, M. D.**—One of the foremost of the younger physicians and surgeons of Will County, Dr. McMahan, who is successfully engaged in the practice of his profession at Mokena, is a veteran of the World War. He was born at Newport, Tenn., Nov. 30, 1892, the son of Albert and Hester (McNabb) McMahan.

Albert McMahan, who died in 1927, was a native of Cocke County, Tenn., where he spent his entire life. He was a farmer. In politics he was a Republican and served as county judge. He was a deacon of the Baptist Church and belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. McMahan was a son of Andrew P. and Caroline (Haywood) McMahan, natives of North Carolina, and early settlers of Tennessee. Andrew P. McMahan was killed in action during the Civil War while serving as a member of a Tennessee outfit. Hester McNabb McMahan, who died in 1902, was the daughter of Tipton McNabb, who was killed in action during the Civil War. He is buried at Newport, Tenn.

To Albert and Hester (McNabb) McMahan were born eight children, as follows: Elizabeth, married W. A. Collins, lives at Cleveland, Ohio; Alice, married William Killion, lives at Jefferson City, Tenn.; James H., lives at Knoxville, Tenn.; Oscar L., attorney, lives at Morristown, Tenn.; Noah L., World War veteran, lives at Newport, Tenn.; Ernest G., the subject of this sketch; Jessie, married Thomas Clevenger, lives at Newport, Tenn.; and Roy L., who died in 1902.

Ernest G. McMahan spent his early life at Newport, Tenn., and after his graduation from high school in 1910 he entered Carson and Newman College, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1914. He spent the following two years as a teacher at Blackwell, Okla., and Newport, Tenn., after which he entered Loyola University, Chicago. He



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was graduated from that institution with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1920, spent the following year as an interne in St. Mary's Hospital, Chicago, and during 1921-22 was house physician at St. Francis Hospital, Blue Island, Ill. He established his offices at Mokena, in 1923, and has continued there to the present time.

In June, 1918, Dr. McMahan enlisted in the Medical Corps, U. S. Army and was sent to Allentown, Pa., where he was attached to Hospital Unit, No. 102. He was discharged from the service, Jan. 10, 1919.

In 1919 Dr. McMahan was united in marriage with Miss May C. Krusmark, the daughter of Lewis Krusmark, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history.

Dr. McMahan is a Republican, a member of the Baptist Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge, and Joliet Country Club. He is identified with the Will County Medical Society, Illinois State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association, and is a member of the staffs of Silver Cross Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital.

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**Edward A. Schwartz** is a well known business man of Joliet, where he is identified with the S. A. Brewster Printing Company. He was born in Joliet, May 10, 1887, the son of Julius and Carrie (Rudolph) Schwartz.

Julius Schwartz, deceased, was a native of Germany, and his wife was born at Fort Wayne, Ind. In 1869 he came to the United States and settled at Joliet, where he was employed by the Western Stone Company for many years. He died in 1907 and is buried in Zarley Cemetery, Joliet. His widow lives in this city. To Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz the following children were born: Julius and Charles, who are identified with the Schwartz Brothers, printers, Joliet; Pauline, died in infancy; Edward A., the subject of this sketch; and Oscar, with the Gerlach-Barklow Company, Joliet.

Edward A. Schwartz was educated in the public schools of Joliet and learned the printer's trade when he was 13 years old, in the employ of C. B. Hayward. After three years in his employ he engaged in the printing business with his brothers, Julius and Charles, the business being known as Schwartz Brothers. Mr. Schwartz sold his interests after six years and became associated with the S. A. Brewster Printing Company, which was organized in January, 1912. Mr. Schwartz has been owner of the business since April, 1925. He specializes in com-

mercial printing and has an extensive trade in Joliet and the surrounding towns.

Mr. Schwartz married Miss Eva DuBien of Joliet, and they have two children, Edward and Evelyn.

Mr. Schwartz is a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and Chamber of Commerce. He is identified with the Democratic party in politics.

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Daniel N. Blatt, retired, is one of the best known men of Elwood, where he was engaged in the mercantile business for more than 30 years. He was born in Denmark, March 13, 1864, the son of Neil J. and Christine (Fredericksen) Blatt.

Neil J. Blatt spent his entire life in Denmark. He was a cabinet maker by trade. To Mr. and Mrs. Blatt were born three sons: Nelson, who emigrated to the United States in 1866 and settled at Elwood, where he now lives retired; Neil, was a resident of Elwood from 1870 until his death which occurred Dec. 16, 1923; and Daniel N., the subject of this sketch.

About 1879 Daniel N. Blatt came to the United States and settled at Elwood, where he completed his schooling. He learned the carpenter trade with his brother Neil and they later formed the partnership which was known as Blatt Brothers. They were the pioneer hardware merchants of this section of Will County and successfully conducted their business at Elwood from 1894 until 1924, when they retired. Mr. Blatt is the owner of a farm in Wilton Township, as well as his business property at Elwood.

Daniel N. Blatt was married in 1889 to Miss Julia Gilkersen, a native of Will County. To this union were born six children, as follows: Neil, lives in Chicago, married Miss Louise Hammond, and they have a son, William; Mary K., a graduate of Joliet Township High School and Monmouth College, now a teacher at Springfield (Ill.) High School; Ruth Agnes, married F. Eugene Butterfield, lives in Chicago; Fred, lives at Elwood, married Miss Mary Schaaf, and they have a son, Fred, Jr.; Daniel N., Jr., twin brother of Fred, lives in Elwood, married Miss Eleanor Wright, of Manteno, Ill., and they have two children, Julia and Daniel N., III.; and Luther, lives at home. He is a graduate of Joliet Township High School and Joliet Junior College, and is now a teacher in the schools at Ritchie, Ill.

Mr. Blatt has always been a Democrat and for the past 15 years has served as treasurer of the village. He was also town clerk for 15 years and for many years was president of the local school board. He is a member of the Lutheran Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge and Modern Woodmen of America.

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**Carl Alvin Pilcher.**—One of the best known farmers of Wheatland Township is Carl Alvin Pilcher. He was born on the farm where he resides, July 25, 1869, the son of Frederick Richard and Belle (Jacobs) Pilcher.

Frederick Richard Pilcher, retired, was among the early settlers of Will County. He was born in Kent County, England in 1842, and was ten years of age when he came to the United States with his parents and settled in Will County, and later in life he became a cabinet maker in Plainfield, Ill. In 1864 he engaged in farming in Wheatland Township where he farmed until 1895, when he retired. He now owns the farm which is conducted by his son, Carl Alvin Pilcher. He was married Dec. 14, 1864, to Belle Jacobs, of Plainfield, Ill. He has lived at LaGrange, Ill., since 1913. His wife died Aug. 23, 1912. There were four children in the Pilcher family: Bailey Austin, born Jan. 9, 1866, lives at Tucson, Ariz.; Carl Alvin, the subject of this sketch; Daisy Belle, born July 20, 1878, married J. C. Wylie, lives at LaGrange, Ill.; and Lettie J., born June 26, 1886, and died May 7, 1887.

Carl Alvin Pilcher obtained his education in the district schools of Wheatland Township and also attended Plainfield High School. He was associated with his father in farming the home place until 1895, at which time he took charge of the farm. He operates 160 acres of land, located in Section 33. He specializes in dairy farming and is also a stock feeder. Mr. Pilcher is a stockholder in the Plainfield Grain Company, and is the owner of farms at Walnut, Ill., and Brule, Wis.

On June 12, 1895, Mr. Pilcher married Miss Miriam Kate Munroe, of Plainfield Township, the daughter of Paul Hugh and Mary Jane (Elwell) Munroe, natives of South Shaftsbury, Vt. The Munroe family settled in Plainfield Township in 1865, where Mr. Munroe was well known as a successful farmer. He also served as assistant county treasurer and as a member of the school board. He died in 1908, and his wife died the following year. They were the parents of three children: Agnes Irene, born Jan. 31, 1867, married E. A. Billing, lives at Glenellyn, Ill.; Miriam

Kate Pilcher; and J. Wales, born Oct. 23, 1873, lives on the old homestead in Plainfield Township. Before her marriage Mrs. Pilcher was a teacher in the schools of Plainfield and Wheatland townships. Mr. and Mrs. Pilcher have three children: Genevieve Irene, born Aug. 16, 1896, married Fred Kenning, lives at Oak Park, Ill.; Frances Adelaide, born Oct. 6, 1900, married Ralph Culver, lives in Plainfield Township, and they have a son, Ralph Edgar; and Frederick Hugh, born April 9, 1907, lives at home. He is connected with the Warren Seed Cleaning Company, of Chicago.

Mr. Pilcher is a Republican, and has served as school director of Wheatland Township for the past 18 years. He is a member of the Congregational Church of Plainfield, and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, and Will County Farm Bureau.

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Elry Spangler, deceased, was a representative farmer of Jackson Township and highly esteemed citizen of Will County, where he spent his entire life. He was born on a farm in Jackson Township in 1860, and died April 11, 1918.

Mr. Spangler became one of the most prominent stockmen of this section of the state. He was the owner of 225 acres of land. He served as road commissioner of Jackson Township, as well as supervisor. He was one of the Charter members of the Elwood A. F. & A. M., Lodge. During the World War he was a member of the Board of Exemption, Joliet.

Mr. Spangler married Miss Eva Winter, a native of Jackson Township. She died Dec. 29, 1927, at the age of 67 years, and with her husband is buried in Maple Hill Cemetery, Elwood. To Mr. and Mrs. Spangler were born four children: Fred W., born Nov. 8, 1884, lives on the homestead in Jackson Township, married Miss Florence Bush, and they have three children, Russell Elry, Lydia May, and Phyllis; Nellie Blatt, mention of whom is made below; May, born April 27, 1888, unmarried, died May 27, 1919; and Olive, born Sept. 19, 1897. She is a graduate of Joliet Township High School, and DeKalb State Normal School. For the past ten years she has been connected with the public schools of Will County.

Nellie Spangler was born in Jackson Township. She was educated in the public schools of Elwood and before her marriage was a teacher in District School No. 72, at Peotone. She was married Oct. 9, 1906, to Garland Blatt. He was born at Elwood, May 5, 1884, the son of Nel-



son Blatt, one of the earliest settlers of Will County. Garland Blatt succeeded to his father's business at Elwood and was thus engaged at the time of his death, June 26, 1918. He is buried in Maple Hill Cemetery, Elwood. Mr. Blatt was prominent in Masonic circles. To Mr. and Mrs. Blatt was born a daughter, Marjorie. She was graduated from Joliet Township High School in 1928 and attends the University of Illinois.

Mrs. Blatt resides at Elwood, where she conducts a general merchandise store.

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**John B. Clow**, successful farmer and well known resident of Wheatland Township, is a member of a prominent pioneer family of Will County. He was born in Wheatland Township, Dec. 25, 1859, the son of Robert and Rosanna (McMicken) Clow.

Robert Clow was born in Scotland in 1819 and came to America at the age of 18 years. He settled in New York State where he remained for seven years. He was the son of Robert and Sarah (Henry) Clow, both natives of Scotland. Robert Clow, Sr., had the following children: Helen, born in 1813, died in 1847; Agnes, born Dec. 30, 1814, died Jan. 13, 1890, was the wife of Mungo Patterson; James, born March 26, 1816, died Feb. 14, 1890; John Henry, born Feb. 19, 1818, died May 2, 1910; Robert, father of the subject of this sketch; Adam, born July 18, 1821, died April 2, 1852; Sarah, born April 3, 1824, died Oct. 2, 1903; William, born March 23, 1826, died March 5, 1877; and Thomas, born July 11, 1829, died Sept. 7, 1893. Robert Clow, Sr., came to Will County during the early days and settled on 1,100 acres of land in Wheatland Township, which he purchased from the government at \$1.25 per acre. His son, Robert, Jr., became the owner of 240 acres of this land and was a leading farmer and stockman of Will County. He served eight years as circuit clerk and recorder of Will County, and two terms in the State legislature. He was also township supervisor for 18 years. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Rosanna (McMicken) Clow was born in Scotland in 1827, and died Jan. 31, 1896. With her husband she is buried in Wheatland Cemetery. To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clow the following children were born: William M., deceased; Sarah H.; Grace M.; Nellie J.; Adam S.; John B.; the subject of this sketch; Rosanna; and Rachel.

John B. Clow was reared and educated in Wheatland Township, and for many years ranked among the many progressive stockmen of Will

County. He specialized in dairy farming. Mr. Clow lives practically retired on his farm of 240 acres, in Section 15, of Wheatland Township.

In 1885 Mr. Clow married Miss Janet Stewart, of Wheatland Township, the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Stewart, natives of Scotland, and early settlers of Will County. Both are deceased and are buried in the United Presbyterian Cemetery, Wheatland Township. To Mr. and Mrs. Clow were born two daughters: Bessie, married James McMicken, lives in Wheatland Township, and they have a daughter, Janet, born in 1916 and Helen, married Owen C. Crego, lives at Aurora, Ill., and they have two children, Thomas and Mary.

Mr. Clow is a stockholder in the Bank of Plainfield and the Plainfield Grain Company.

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**Frank C. Boardman** is a successful farmer and stockman of Wheatland Township and a member of one of the earliest families of Will County. He was born in this township, May 15, 1890, the son of George B. and Mary (Clow) Boardman.

Franklin C. Boardman, a pioneer of Wheatland Township, was born in Colchester, Vt., Mar. 15, 1818, the son of Amos and Harriet (Ames) Boardman. Amos Boardman was born in Burlington, Vt., in October, 1789. He was a soldier in the War of 1812 and died March 17, 1877. His wife was born in Vermont in 1791 and died July 29, 1846. Franklin Boardman, their son, came west in 1844, via the Canal and Lakes to Chicago, and then by a wagon route to Will County. He lived with an uncle for two years and then settled in Wheatland Township, where he served as supervisor in 1854-55 and 56. He was also treasurer of the school board and served as postmaster of East Wheatland in 1870. He was married on Sept. 2, 1842, to Miss Mina Bates of Colchester, Vt., the daughter of George Bates, who was born at Thompson, Conn., in 1786, and died in 1875. Mary (Hine) Bates was born in Colchester, Vt., Mar. 1, 1788, and died in 1874.

George B. Boardman is well known in Wheatland Township, where he has spent his entire life. He has served as state representative from this district and is now supervisor of Wheatland Township. His wife, the daughter of Thomas Clow, was born in this township. Mr. and Mrs. Boardman are the parents of the following children: 1. Harry Clow, born April 29, 1887, a graduate of the University of Illinois and a World War veteran, having served with the rank of major, married Miss Bessie

McCumber, and lives in Chicago. 2. Mary, born Dec. 26, 1888, married Charles Clow, lives in Wheatland Township, and they have two children, Elizabeth and Philip. 3. Frank C., the subject of this sketch. 4. Margaret, born Oct. 15, 1892, married Richard Ira Jones, lives at Plainfield. 5. Helen, born June 11, 1894, married Abner Thomas, lives at Big Rock, Ill., and they have four children, Charlotte, Mary, George Bruce, and Virginia Bell. 6. Thomas, who died in 1898. 7. Robert, born Dec. 15, 1903, a graduate of Naperville High School, lives at home.

Frank C. Boardman obtained his education in the district schools of Wheatland Township, and is a graduate of Plainfield High School. He remained on his father's farm until 1913, at which time he purchased his present farm of 170 acres in Section 13. He also operates his father's farm of 160 acres and specializes in dairy farming, being the owner of a herd of 18 pure bred cows.

On March 20, 1913, Mr. Boardman married Miss Elsie Royce, who was born in DuPage Township, Will County, the daughter of Jonathan F. and Mary (Stafford) Royce. Mr. Royce died in 1924 and is buried in Naperville Cemetery. His widow survives him. To Mr. and Mrs. Boardman have been born five children: James, born Dec. 10, 1914; George Royce, born Nov. 4, 1916; Alexander, born Oct. 30, 1920; John, born Oct. 3, 1923; and Mary, born Oct. 17, 1925.

Mr. Boardman is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, of which he is a deacon, and he belongs to the Will County Farm Bureau.

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**William Leppert**, retired, is prominent in Wheatland Township, where he has spent his entire life. He was born on the farm where he resides, Dec. 5, 1865, the son of George and Minnie (Schaffer) Leppert.

George Leppert was born in Baden, Germany, in 1839, the son of John and Magdalene Leppert. The family emigrated to the United States in April, 1854, and settled in Wheatland Township, after having spent several months in Ohio. They purchased the farm of a Mr. Houghton and it has remained the Leppert homestead to the present time. George Leppert became one of the successful farmers of Will County, and was one of the first school directors of the Township. He died in 1918 and is buried in the Lutheran Cemetery, Wheatland Township. His first wife died in 1867 at the age of 23 years. To this union were born four children, of whom William, the subject of this sketch, was the oldest. Three children died in infancy. Mr. Leppert later mar-

ried Miss Elizabeth Westphal, who died in 1924. They were the parents of four children, all of whom are deceased.

William Leppert attended the district schools of the township and assisted his father on the farm until the latter's death, when he became owner of the property. He operated 140 acres of well improved land until his retirement in 1924.

On March 7, 1906, Mr. Leppert was united in marriage with Miss Caroline Elizabeth Charlotte Schneider, of Chicago, the daughter of Charles and Caroline Marsh Schneider. Mr. Schneider is deceased and his widow lives in Chicago. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Leppert, Lillian S., who is the wife of Fred Voss. They were married Oct. 24, 1925, and reside on the Leppert homestead. They have a daughter, Marilyn Adele, born Jan. 27, 1927.

Mr. Leppert is a Republican and a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Aurora. He has served as school director of Wheatland Township for the past 21 years.

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**John F. Uhde**—Along the progressive lines of advance, and in one of the most important realms of business activity, John F. Uhde, of Joliet, is bearing a worthy and forward-looking part as the proprietor of the John F. Uhde Dairy Company. For nearly twenty years he has been identified with this business. He is a son of John A. and Pauline (Unnaack) Uhde, and was born at Joliet, June 23, 1884.

John A. Uhde was born in Kingston, Ontario, Canada, where he was reared. He was the son of John G. Uhde, who was born in Germany and immigrated to Canada. He was a toll-gate keeper and a farmer. He later removed to Joliet and from there to Kansas City, Mo., where he died. John A. Uhde went west with his parents and took up a government claim at Russell, Kans. He was later an engineer for the Santa Fe Railroad and in 1892 returned to Joliet. He made several other trips west but finally located in Joliet, where he lived retired until his death, which occurred in 1924. His wife resides in Joliet, where she was born. Mr. Uhde was a Republican, a member of the Orangemen of Canada, and the Modern Woodmen of America. There were seven children in the Uhde family: Louise, deceased, was the wife of James A. Rowe; John F., the subject of this sketch; Frank, a veteran of the World War, served in France with the U. S. Infantry, lives in Joliet; Fred, Joliet;



MR. AND MRS. JOHN F. UHDE



Pauline, at home; Wilhelmina, married George Johnson, lives in Joliet; and Augusta, at home.

John F. Uhde attended the public schools of Kansas City and Joliet, after which he worked on his father's farm for three years. He then was with the United Zinc and Chemical Company, of Kansas City, Kans., until his health became impaired, when he resigned his position and was with the water service department of the Santa Fe Railroad. In 1906 he returned to Joliet and was an engine watchman for the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railroad. He was in the shipping department and later foreman of the assorting department of the Wm. E. Pratt Manufacturing Company. In 1909 he entered the employ of the C. N. Sprague Dairy Company in order to learn the business. On Sept. 29, 1911, he with Oscar Kase purchased the C. N. Sprague Dairy Company. The partnership was dissolved in 1913 and Mr. Uhde engaged in the dairy business for himself at 728 Washington Street, remaining in that location for six years. In 1919 Mr. Uhde purchased two business buildings, Nos. 718 and 720 East Washington Street, removing his business to No. 720. He rents No. 718 and also apartments over both stores. Mr. Uhde purchases his milk from the farmers of Will County and delivers exclusively in Joliet. His business, which was necessarily a small one in the beginning has, through the personal efforts of Mr. Uhde, become one of the largest dairies in the city. He also handles all kinds of dairy products.

On May 3, 1914, Mr. Uhde was married to Miss Martha Achenbach, a daughter of Henry and Mary Achenbach. He is a retired cigar manufacturer and lives in Joliet. Mrs. Achenbach is deceased and is buried in Joliet.

Mr. Uhde is interested in all that pertains to general progress, and politically supports the Republican party. Fraternally he is affiliated with Matteson Lodge, A. F. & A. M. No. 175; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. No. 27; Joliet Council, R. & S. M. No. 82; Joliet Commandery, K. T. No. 4; Ansar Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Springfield, Ill.; Joliet Shrine Club; Modern Woodmen of the World; Chamber of Commerce; Joliet Merchants Association; Powham Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 29; Eagle Encampment, No. 139; Joliet Cantons, No. 52; Advance Rebekah's Lodge, No. 45; and treasurer of the Joliet Milk Dealers Bottle Exchange. Mrs. Uhde is a member of Marguerite Chapter, O. E. S.; White Shrine; Chamber of Commerce; Professional Business Women's Club; and Lady Washington Auxiliary, Joliet Canton, No. 52. Mr. and Mrs. Uhde are members of the English Lutheran Church.

**George H. Tower**, manager of the Plainfield Grain Company's branch at Normantown, is a substantial and well known business man of Wheatland Township. He was born at St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 2, 1860, the son of Allen J. and Mary (Corwin) Tower.

Allen J. Tower was born in Massachusetts and his wife was a native of Illinois. He was a cabinet maker by trade and later in life was employed as a railroad engineer. He was killed in a railroad wreck at St. Louis, Mo., in September, 1869. His widow died at the age of 85 years and is buried in Colorado.

George H. Tower was nine years old when his parents came to Will County and settled in Homer Township. In 1886 he came to Plainfield. He has been identified with the Plainfield Grain Company for the past 30 years as manager of the branch at Normantown. One of the largest of the company's elevators is located here. It handles approximately 300,000 bushels of grain annually. Mr. Tower is also a stockholder in the business.

On Sept. 22, 1887, Mr. Tower was united in marriage with Miss Minnie Moss. They had four children: Frank, who is connected with the government air mail service, lives at Buffalo, N. Y.; Verlie, died in 1915, at the age of 18 years, was the wife of Walter Ewing, of Seattle, Wash.; Louis, lives in Wheatland Township, married Marie Lloyd; and Almond J., lives in Joliet.

Mr. Tower is a Republican, a member of the Congregational Church and belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose and Modern Woodmen of America.

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**Harris A. Patterson, M. D.**, of Joliet, who has practiced his profession over thirty years with honor and exceptional ability, was born at Haverstraw, N. Y., Jan. 17, 1864, the son of Thomas and Margaret (Harris) Patterson.

Thomas Patterson was born in the North of Ireland, as was also his wife. He came to the United States when a young man and first located at Haverstraw, N. Y., later going to Newburg. He located in Will County, Ill., in 1865, and engaged in farming and stock raising, and later was in the lime and coal business in Joliet. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, a Republican in politics, and a member of the Central Presbyterian Church, in which he had been an elder and trustee for many years. He died Nov. 8, 1902, at the age of 75 years. His wife died June 3, 1913, aged 83 years. Both are buried in Oakwood Cemetery,



Joliet. There were eight children in the Patterson family: Matilda A., lives in Joliet; James W., with Powers Thompson Company, Joliet; Andrew Sherman, coal business, Joliet; Howard T., coal business, Joliet; Jennie M., lives in Joliet; Harris A., the subject of this sketch; Nellie, married Dr. Frank Hanson, who died in 1918, and she resides at 208 West Marion Street, Joliet; and Elizabeth, principal of Broadway School.

Harris A. Patterson attended the public and high schools of Joliet. He entered Rush Medical College, where he completed his course and received his degree in medicine in 1897. He engaged in practice first at Clark City, Ill., and in 1900 came to Joliet, where he has since been engaged in surgical and medical practice. He is a member of the medical staff of the city hospitals. During the World War he was on the examining board No. 1.

Dr. Patterson is a member of the Will County, Illinois State, and American Medical Associations. He has served as president of the Will County Medical Society on two different occasions, and has been county physician for several years. His fraternal affiliations are: Modern Woodmen, Knights of Pythias, and Elks Lodges. He is a Republican.

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**John H. Barnes** is among the representative business men of Joliet, where he is secretary and treasurer of the Joliet Motor Company, 601-607 Jefferson Avenue. He was born on a farm in Joliet Township, Sept. 19, 1867, the son of Nathaniel and Mary Elizabeth (Thiel) Barnes.

Nathaniel Barnes was born in Rockland County, N. Y., June 18, 1818. He remained in that section of the country until 1858, at which time he removed to Joliet Township, where he became well known as a farmer and stockman. He was the owner of 160 acres of land in Joliet Township, and 120 acres in Jackson Township. Mr. Barnes died in 1899 and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Joliet. His wife was born in Newburg, New York, June 21, 1829, and died in 1901. To Mr. and Mrs. Barnes the following children were born: Emily, Edward, and Isaac, all died in infancy; George Julian, deceased; Rosalia, married Julius B. Schneider, lives at Joliet; Grace, died in 1899, was the wife of Judson Gilkerson; Nathaniel A., retired, lives in Joliet; Eliza, married Charles O. Bond, lives in Joliet; John H., the subject of this sketch; and Blanche Laura, died May 12, 1928, was the wife of John P. Thornton, of Adrian, Mich.

John H. Barnes received his early education in the district schools and Joliet High School. He was graduated from the University of

Illinois in 1888, and spent the following four years at Denver, Colo., where he was interested in architectural work. He then returned to Joliet, where he followed the same line of work until 1914. Mr. Barnes has been connected with the Joliet Motor Company since that date, and is widely known among the automobile dealers of Will County. The Joliet Motor Company are local agents for the Ford and Lincoln automobiles, and have one of the finest salesrooms in the city.

On Dec. 25, 1890, Mr. Barnes was united in marriage with Miss Ida Mabel Zarley, a member of one of the oldest families of Will County. She was born in Joliet, the daughter of William H. and Helen (Patrick) Zarley. William H. Zarley was born in Joliet, Feb. 20, 1837, and died March 29, 1902. He was the son of Hadzel Zarley. William H. Zarley was prominent in the political life of Joliet for many years and held the offices of county clerk, city clerk, and postmaster. His wife was born in this city, Feb. 26, 1840, and died Jan. 13, 1915. To Mr. and Mrs. Zarley were born three children: Charles Henry, born June 4, 1862, died in 1913; George Patrick, born March 31, 1866, died March 20, 1920; and Ida Mabel Barnes, born May 24, 1870. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Barnes were Jacob and Eliza Patrick. The former was born in March, 1793, and the latter was born July 16, 1802. To John H. and Ida Mabel (Zarley) Barnes were born two children: Helen, born June 22, 1892, married John B. VanDyke, lives in California, and they have a daughter, Virginia Barnes Van Dyke; and Harold John, born in 1894, died in 1918. He was a graduate of Joliet Township High School and the University of Illinois. He died at Aberdeen, Md., while in service during the World War, and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Joliet. Helen (Barnes) VanDyke was a graduate of Joliet Township High School and the Art Institute of Chicago.

Politically Mr. Barnes is independent. He is a member of the Universalist Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge, 32nd degree, Rotary Club, Joliet Country Club, and Chamber of Commerce.

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**John M. Wolf**, one of the most prominent stockmen of Wheatland Township and well known citizens of Will County, was born on the farm where he resides, Feb. 22, 1870, the son of Casper and Rosina (Kuhn) Wolf.

Casper Wolf was born in Germany. He came to Will County in 1868 and spent 11 years on a farm in Oswego Township, Kendall County,

after a short period of residence here. He later returned to Will County and became the owner of a tract of 80 acres in Wheatland Township, which is still owned by his son, John M. Mr. Wolf was a dairy farmer. He was living retired at Oswego at the time of his death, March 17, 1911. He is buried in Oswego Prairie Cemetery. His wife died Dec. 21, 1912, at the age of 77 years. The only child born to Mr. and Mrs. Wolf was John M., the subject of this sketch. By a former marriage Mrs. Wolf had a daughter, Mary, who is the wife of Fred Bower, and they live at Oswego.

John M. Wolf obtained his education in the Lombard district school section. He remained on the home farm all his life and since 1897 has owned the place, which is one of the attractive stock farms of the township. A fine new residence was built by Mr. Wolf in 1915.

Mr. Wolf was married on Sept. 1, 1897, to Miss Carrie Nehf, who was born in Chicago, the daughter of Henry John and Caroline Kathryn (Fogel) Nehf, both deceased. Mr. Nehf spent the early part of his life in Chicago, where he was a harness maker. Later he owned a farm in Wayne County, Ill. To Mr. and Mrs. Wolf were born three children: (1) one died in infancy; (2) Leta Belle, born Feb. 15, 1899, died July 30, 1926, was the wife of Roy Patterson, who is the son of R. J. Patterson, and they had three children, Raymond LeRoy, Irene Elizabeth, and Evelyn Anna; and (3) Elizabeth Amelia, born Feb. 27, 1903, married Robert Schillinger, lives in Wheatland Township, and they have a son, Darwin Robert, born Sept. 22, 1927.

Mr. Wolf is a member of the Oswego Prairie Evangelical Church. He is a Republican in politics.

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**Frank W. Stanton, M. D.**—A highly qualified physician and surgeon, who for over twenty years has practiced medicine at Joliet, Frank W. Stanton was born in that city, Sept. 8, 1880. His parents were Joseph S. and Anna (Fant) Stanton.

Joseph S. Stanton, deceased, was born in Kingston, Canada. He settled in Will County when a young man and worked at the blacksmith trade. He was later a merchant of this city. He married Anna Fant, who was born in Joliet, and they were the parents of seven children: Frank W., the subject of this sketch; Mary, married Raymond McGuire, lives in Chicago; Cecelia, deceased, was the wife of Joseph O'Connell. He lives in New York City; Florence, married Frederick W. Warner,

lives in Joliet; George W., a steel mill worker, lives at Indiana Harbor; and Joseph and Anna, twins. Anna married Joseph Neislander, lives in Joliet. Mr. Stanton died Jan. 31, 1924, and Mrs. Stanton died March 15, 1920. They are both buried in Joliet. They were members of the Catholic Church.

Frank W. Stanton attended the public schools of Joliet, and then entered the Illinois Medical College, at Chicago, taking his M. D. degree in 1906. For one year thereafter he was with the Lackawanna Steel Company, at Buffalo, N. Y. In 1908 he opened his office in Joliet, where he has since engaged in general practice. He is also a member of the staff of Joliet's leading hospitals.

On Feb. 23, 1911, Dr. Stanton was married to Miss Anna Barnhardt, who was born in Dwight, Ill. Her father came from Germany in the early days and located at Dwight where he was a farmer and stockman. Doctor and Mrs. Stanton have a daughter, Dorothy Jane, born Jan. 4, 1916.

Dr. Stanton is a member of Illinois State and Will County Medical Associations. He and his family are members of the Catholic Church.

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**Romus Arnold, M. D.**, is a representative member of the medical profession at Joliet, where he has offices in the Young Building. He is the son of Louis and Mary Arnold.

Louis Arnold was a pioneer settler of Wheeling, W. Va., where he was engaged in harnessmaking. Both he and his wife are deceased. There were six children in the Louis Arnold family: Ida; Mandel died in 1883; Romus, the subject of this sketch; William; Clara, died at the age of three years; and Clara, 2nd, died in infancy.

Romus Arnold attended University of Valparaiso, Ind., and was graduated from the Hahnemann Medical College of Chicago in the class of February, 1888. He engaged in the practice of his profession in Braidwood, Ill., being associated in medicine with Dr. J. B. Backus, where he remained several years. He was elected coroner of Will County and served three years. He then went to Michigan where he was in practice for four years. Returning to Braidwood he remained until 1915. He took a year of post graduate work and went to Carthage, Mo., remaining there until September, 1917. He enlisted in the Medical Reserve Corps and was assigned to duty at base hospital, Camp Logan, in which he received a commission as first lieutenant. He received his honorable discharge and returned to Carthage, Mo. In December, 1924, Dr. Arnold established his office in Joliet.

On July 8, 1891, Dr. Arnold was married to Miss Gretta Josephine Russell Roblitti, who was born in Edinburg, Scotland. They have three children: Helen Ruth, born April 27, 1892, married Dr. A. B. McBride, Carthage, Mo.; Romus Harold, born June 15, 1906, a traveling salesman, Chicago; and Agnes, born April 14, 1908, a student nurse at St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago. The family home is at Braidwood, Ill.

Dr. Arnold is a Republican. He cast his vote twice for William McKinley. He is prominent in Masonic circles, being a member of Blue Lodge Chapter and Commandery. He holds membership in the Will County Medical Association, and the Illinois State Medical Society. He and his family are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Joliet.

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**Herbert R. Phelps**, of DuPage Township, ranks high among the representative farmers and stockmen of Will County. He was born in Wheatland Township, Will County, Aug. 30, 1870, the son of Albert and Harriet (Sprague) Phelps.

Albert Phelps was born at Willsboro, Essex County, N. Y., Dec. 12, 1846. He came to Wheatland Township about 1868 and rented a farm there. He died March 8, 1873, and is buried in Broadman Cemetery, Wheatland Township. His widow, who was born in DuPage Township, Will County, Dec. 8, 1850, lives in the old homestead near Lockport and makes her home with her son, Herbert R., the subject of this sketch. To Mr. and Mrs. Phelps were born two sons: Herbert R., the subject of this sketch; and Albert C., who is a professor at Cornell University, teaching architecture. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois and for several years was an architect in Joliet. He later attended Munich University in Germany and also studied art in Germany. He married Miss Carrie Lynd, the daughter of Capt. George Lynd, of Lockport. Mr. Phelps has been connected with the faculty of Cornell University for the past 35 years.

The boyhood of Herbert R. Phelps was spent on the homestead in DuPage Township. He received his education in the schools of Lockport and was graduated from the University of Illinois in 1890, where he specialized in the study of agriculture. He has always been interested in farming and is the owner of 240 acres of well improved land. He also operated the home place of 160 acres.

On Feb. 3, 1902, Mr. Phelps was united in marriage with Miss Mary Grace Alderman, of DuPage Township. They have two daughters;

Alice Laura, born Nov. 17, 1902, attended Joliet Township High School and Joliet Junior College, married Kenneth Spangler, of Plainfield Township, lives at Lockport; and Alberta, born Dec. 12, 1908, attended Joliet Township High School, married Walter Cave, resides in DuPage Township, and they have a son, Walter Herbert, born Oct. 2, 1928.

Mr. Phelps is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge and Modern Woodmen of America. He is a charter member of the Will County Farm Bureau. He has held the offices of highway commissioner, justice of the peace, and school director, and has always taken an active interest in all local affairs. In 1924, before the paving of the Chicago, St. Louis Route No. 4 Mr. and Mrs. Phelps opened a filling station at the corner of the Naperville-Joliet Road. In May, 1927, she erected a new building and station, and now handles gasoline, oils and soft drinks.

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**Joseph Kohl**, a well known agriculturist and dairyman, living at Mokena, Ill., was born in Frankfort Township, Will County, Feb. 9, 1874. He is a son of Andrew and Marie (Wieland) Kohl.

Andrew Kohl was born in Austria. He came to Mokena in 1858 and followed farming. Throughout his life he was one of the prominent men of the county. His wife was a native of Switzerland. They both died in 1875 and are buried in St. John's Cemetery, Mokena. Joseph Kohl was their only child.

Joseph Kohl was left an orphan at the age of one year. At the death of his parents he was adopted by his father's brother and sister, Joseph and Mary Kohl. He attended the public schools of the township and remained on his uncle's farm until he was married, when he purchased a farm of 240 acres. Mr. Kohl, who specializes in dairying, has a herd of 30 cattle. He also does general farming and now has a man in charge of his farm and dairy.

Mr. Kohl was married in 1902 to Miss Marie Keuch, a daughter of Conrad and Marie (Gunderman) Keuch, natives of Hessen, Germany. They were married in Orland, Ill., where Mr. Keuch was engaged in farming. They are both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Kohl have a son, Richard, born Dec. 2, 1910, who is connected with the Philadelphia Insurance Company, of Chicago, Ill., resides at home.

Mr. Kohl is a Republican. He has filled the office of school director for ten years; was elected township assessor in 1914, and reelected in



JOSEPH KOHL





1916, 1918, 1920, 1922, 1924, 1926 and 1928. His fraternal affiliations are with Mount Joliet Lodge, A. F. & A. M. No. 42; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. No. 27; Joliet Council, R. & S. M. No. 82; Joliet Commandery, K. T. No. 4; Modern Woodmen of America; and Farm Bureau Association. The family are members of St. John's Evangelical Church.

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**James Healy Alexander**, deceased, was a representative citizen of DuPage Township, and a member of one of the prominent pioneer families of Will County. He was born on a farm in DuPage Township, Feb. 27, 1846, the son of James Lewis and Betty (Healy) Alexander.

James Lewis Alexander was a native of Massachusetts and his wife was born in New York. After their marriage they came to Will County in 1836 and settled at Lockport, where Mr. Alexander was employed on the old Illinois-Michigan Canal. He later became a farmer and was the owner of a tract of 500 acres in DuPage and Lockport townships. He specialized in dairy farming and became one of the successful dairymen of this section. He donated land for the Alexander Cemetery in DuPage Township, which is now known as the Williams Cemetery. The entire homestead has remained as property of the Alexander family and is one of the interesting landmarks of the county.

James Healy Alexander grew up in Will County and received his education in the district schools. Early in life he became interested in the breeding of pure bred dairy stock and ranked among the leading dairymen. He was highly esteemed in the community. He was elected to the State legislature in 1910, and had just been reelected to that office for a second term when he died, Dec. 13, 1913. He is buried in the Alexander Cemetery.

Mr. Alexander was married on Sept. 11, 1873, to Miss Laura Haywood, of Lockport Township, the daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Akin) Haywood, the former a native of Maine and the latter of New York. The Haywood family also were pioneer settlers of Will County and lived in Lockport Township, where Mr. Haywood purchased 240 acres of land from the government at six dollars per acre. Mrs. Alexander was educated in the Joliet Township High School and attended Cook County Normal School. She was connected with the schools of Lockport Township and Wilton Center for five years before her marriage. To Mr. and Mrs. Alexander were born three children: Healy H., mention of whom is made below; Hayes, born Oct. 2, 1876, died at the age of 16

years; and Laura Elizabeth, born July 3, 1880. She married Herbert M. Johnson, who is general manager of the Civic Opera Company. They live in Chicago.

Healy H. Alexander was born in Lockport Township, June 15, 1874. He is a leading farmer and stockman of that township and is the owner of 375 acres of good farm land. He was married on June 2, 1903, to Miss Helen M. Baker, of Manhattan Township, the daughter of John C. and Elizabeth (Hopson) Baker. Mr. Baker, one of the largest land owners of Lockport and Manhattan Townships, died in 1919. He was the son of Clark Baker, who settled at Manhattan in 1852 and died in 1893. Elizabeth (Hopson) Baker was born in Vermont. She died in 1888 at the age of 42 years. There were four children in the Baker family: Helen M. Alexander; George, died in infancy; Guy, died at the age of ten years; and John C., lives at Lake Bluff, Ill. To Healy H. and Helen M. (Baker) Alexander have been born eight children, as follows: Mary, was graduated from the University of Illinois in 1927, now a student at the Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, Mo., where she is interested in becoming a dietitian; Elizabeth, attends the University of Illinois; James, was graduated from Lockport High School in 1928; John, Margaret, Caroline, Hayes, and Ruth, all at home.

James Healy Alexander was always a Republican. He served as school director and was well known in the community. He was a director of the First National Bank of Lockport.

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**Raymond Samuel Brown, M. D.**—A highly qualified specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, is Dr. Raymond Samuel Brown, who is practicing his profession at Joliet. He was born in Morris, Ill., Feb. 12, 1879, and is a son of Samuel and Myra (Tabler) Brown.

Samuel Brown was born in Newark, N. J. In 1863 he located in Morris, Ill., where he engaged in farming and stockraising. He now resides at Atlantic, Iowa, where he is an extensive grain farmer and stockman. He is a Republican and a member of the Christian Church. Mrs. Brown, who was born in Minooka, Ill., died in October, 1892, and is buried at Morris, Ill. There were three children in the Brown family: Raymond Samuel, the subject of this sketch; Paul T., farmer and stockman, Morris, Ill.; and Beulah, who died at the age of five years.

Raymond Samuel Brown attended the public schools and graduated from Lake View High School, Chicago, and in 1905 received his M. D.

degree from the University of Chicago. From 1907 to 1917 he practiced his profession in Winnipeg, Manitoba, coming to Joliet in 1917, where he has continued to the present time. In 1916 at a meeting of the American College of Surgeons in Philadelphia he was made a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Brown is a member of the staff of Silver Cross and St. Joseph's hospitals, Joliet.

In June, 1907, Dr. Brown was married to Miss Mabel Collins, who was born in Morris, Ill., in August, 1886, and they had three children: Raymond Brown, Jr., died at the age of seven; Helen Mary, born in June, 1913, at Winnipeg, Manitoba, a student; and Richard Douglass, born in Joliet, in September, 1922. The family residence is at 719 Oneida Street.

Dr. Brown is a Republican, a member of the Minooka Blue Lodge, and Morris (Ill.) Chapters. He and his family are members of the Christian Church.

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**Nunzio Di Lorenzo.**—Among the successful business men of Joliet, Mr. Di Lorenzo has made his own way amidst competition, and has made a success through persistent industry, courteous and just dealing and a capacity for commercial development. He was born in Villettabarrea City, Italy, Feb. 16, 1875, a son of Louis and Maria (Di Ianni) Di Lorenzo.

Louis Di Lorenzo and his wife were natives of Italy where they resided all their lives. There were eight children in the family, only two of whom are now living: Nunzio, the subject of this sketch; and Lucto, who lives in Chicago.

Nunzio Di Lorenzo came to the United States in 1890 and located in Joliet. He was a guard at the Joliet penitentiary for three and one-half years. In 1904 he opened a private bank in Joliet. On Sept. 14, 1918, he was appointed agent for the Bank of Naples, one of the oldest banking institutions in the world, being established in 1539. Mr. Di Lorenzo also represents all steamship lines in connection with his private bank. Mr. Di Lorenzo also has the agency for fire insurance. In connection with the banking and insurance he handles periodicals of all kinds, tobacco and candies. Previous to his entrance into the banking field, Mr. Di Lorenzo was foreman in the Illinois Steel Mills.

On Feb. 6, 1899, Mr. Di Lorenzo was married to Miss Benedetta Di Desiderio, who was born in Italy, April 17, 1875. To this union five children were born: 1. Mary, born May 31, 1900, married Sylvester

Cirricione, and they have a son and daughter, John, born April 24, 1926; and Anna Marie, born April 24, 1928. Mr. Cirricione is a merchant in Joliet. 2. Charles, born June 20, 1903, owner of a gas station, married Mary Di Julio, and they have a daughter Violet, born Dec. 7, 1927. 3. Emil, born Dec. 23, 1910, a student in Joliet Junior College, lives at home. 4. Elizabeth, born Jan. 3, 1912, private secretary for her father. 5. Anna, born Nov. 20, 1913, a student in high school.

Mr. Di Lorenzo has made one trip back to his native land since coming to the United States. He became an American citizen in 1898. He has always taken an interest in civic affairs and served for six years on the board of supervisors of Joliet, and since 1921 has been a state deputy fire marshal. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, Western Catholic Union, Woodmen of America, the B. P. O. Elks, and the Sons of Italy. The family are members of St. Anthony's Catholic Church. Politically Mr. Di Lorenzo is a Republican.

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**John W. Patterson**, leading farmer and stockman of Wheatland Township, is a member of one of the oldest families of Will County. He was born on the farm where he now resides, Nov. 16, 1869, the son of Daniel and Jane (Williamson) Patterson.

Mungo Patterson, an uncle of John W. Patterson was the first member of the Patterson family to settle in Wheatland Township, having come here from New York. He was born in Dumfriesshire, Scotland, Sept. 22, 1814, the son of John and Jane (Hall) Patterson, natives of Scotland. Mungo was the oldest son. His brothers, James and Daniel, also settled in Wheatland Township, in 1841, where they purchased land at \$1.25 per acre. Mungo Patterson was married in 1842 to Miss Agnes Clow of Scotland, the daughter of Robert Clow, one of the earliest settlers of Wheatland Township. Mungo Patterson had six children, as follows: John, a Civil War veteran, deceased; Robert, who died in 1900; Sarah died in May, 1907, was the wife of Robert Wrightman; Adam, born Oct. 30, 1854, lives retired in Naperville, Ill.; William, born Nov. 20, 1847, died June, 1928; and Agnes, died in 1899, was the wife of Homer B. Grommon. Mungo Patterson died July 16, 1906, and is buried in Wheatland Cemetery. His wife died in 1890.

Daniel Patterson, brother of Mungo Patterson, and father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Scotland, Oct. 8, 1829, and came to the United States at the age of 20 years and settled in Wheatland Town-

ship. He was married Oct. 13, 1859, to Jane Williamson, who was born in Scotland, Jan. 31, 1839. Mr. Patterson purchased a tract of 80 acres in Section 9, Wheatland Township, an acre of which was dedicated as property of the Salem Evangelical Church, which was destroyed by fire Nov. 23, 1927, and rebuilt in 1928. Mr. Patterson was a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church. He was one of the most prosperous and best liked men in Wheatland Township and was familiarly known as "Uncle Dan." He died Jan. 30, 1909, and his wife died May 10, 1920. Both are buried in Wheatland Township. To Mr. and Mrs. Patterson were born ten children, as follows: Margaret Johnson, born Sept. 30, 1860, died June 8, 1864; Jane Hall, born Nov. 2, 1861, died June 20, 1864; William Dodge, born Oct. 6, 1863, mention of whom is made below; Robert James, born July 17, 1869, married Miss Sarah Elizabeth Slick, lives in Wheatland Township; Margaret Jane, born April 23, 1867, married George Schmidt, lives at Stanley, Wis.; John Williamson, the subject of this sketch; Mary Elizabeth, born Dec. 2, 1871, married William Henry Perry, lives at Joliet; Frank Madison, born March 28, 1876, married Emma Lapp, lives in Wheatland Township; Laura Lavina, born Dec. 5, 1880, died Feb. 4, 1923; and Grace Amelia, born Jan. 13, 1879, the widow of John Richard Jones, who died June 26, 1924. His widow lives at Plainfield.

John W. Patterson has always lived on the same farm in Wheatland Township. He received his education in the district school and attended Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill., for three years. He owns and operates 160 acres of land in Wheatland Township, and also operates 108 acres in DuPage Township, owned by his wife. Mr. Patterson has been one of the most extensive cattle feeders of Will County and is also well known as a dairy farmer. He is a stockholder in the Plainfield State Bank, the Plainfield Grain Company, Young's Nursery, and the Farm Bureau Supply Company. In 1928 he was elected president of the Will County Farm Bureau.

On Aug. 5, 1903, Mr. Patterson was united in marriage with Miss Nellie Clow, who was born in Wheatland Township, April 25, 1872, the daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Stephens) Clow, natives of Scotland. Mrs. Patterson was educated in the district schools and the Jennings Seminary, Aurora, Ill. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Patterson as follows: Thomas Clow, born Aug. 4, 1904, a graduate of Naperville High School, and Michigan Agricultural College, lives at home; Stewart Williamson, born Nov. 16, 1906, a graduate of Naperville High School; Harry Daniel, born Nov. 25, 1908, a graduate of Naperville

High School; Isabel, born Jan. 3, 1911, died at the age of 14 years; Helen, twin sister of Isabel; and James Bruce, born May 14, 1913. Helen and James Bruce are students in the Naperville High School.

Mr. Patterson has always been a Republican. He has held the office of town clerk continuously since April, 1903, and is also clerk of the school board. He is a prominent member of the DuPage Presbyterian Church, of which he is an elder.

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**William Dodge Patterson** was born in Wheatland Township, Oct. 6, 1863. He was educated in the district schools and for two years taught school in DuPage Township. He was associated with his father's farming interests until 1890, at which time he removed to his present farm of 120 acres. He is prominently identified with the dairy interests of Will County, and is well known as a stockman.

Mr. Patterson married Miss Cora Slick, who was born in Wheatland Township, Jan. 16, 1871, the daughter of Henry and Susan (Minnich) Slick. Mr. Slick was born in Wheatland Township, Oct. 18, 1846, and died May 24, 1919. His wife was born at Erie, Pa., Feb. 18, 1846, and lives in Wheatland Township. To Mr. and Mrs. Patterson six children were born: 1. Ruth, born Nov. 27, 1891, was married in 1908 to Paul Hartman, who died Dec. 6, 1916. They had the following children: Richard, Robert, and Ruth, triplets, born Sept. 6, 1912. Ruth died May 11, 1917; Lois Marjorie, born March 20, 1909, a graduate of Joliet Township High School, now a teacher in the schools of Wheatland Township; Grant, born April 17, 1914; Frank Dale, born Oct. 19, 1915; and Paul Thurman, born Jan. 2, 1917. 2. Lloyd Henry, born Aug. 11, 1895, lives in Wheatland Township, was married March 12, 1925, to Miss Henrietta Jones, of Wilmington, Ill. 3. Ivan Daniel, born July 1, 1901, a graduate of Joliet Township High School, and North Central College, married Miss Esther Brunemeier, of Hubbard, Iowa, lives at Reading, Pa., where he is a professor at Schuykill College. 4. James Russell, born June 9, 1903, a graduate of Naperville High School, and North Central College, a trained nurse. 5. Harold Oliver, born Oct. 23, 1905, a graduate of Naperville High School, and the University of Wisconsin, lives at home. 6. Margaret Jane, born Nov. 18, 1906, a graduate of Naperville High School. She is a graduate nurse at the Aurora (Ill.) City Hospital.

Mr. Patterson is a Republican and a member of the Salem Evangelical Church, of which he is trustee. He has served as school trustee of Wheatland Township for many years.

**Peter Shutts** is a substantial and honorable practitioner at the Will County bar, and for some years has been a prominent figure in public life. In the field of his profession he has established a wide reputation for unflinching earnestness and effective work, and his official record has always been one absolutely beyond reproach. Mr. Shutts was born in Ulster County, N. Y., Oct. 7, 1849, a son of John and Catherine (Cole) Shutts.

John Shutts was born in Columbia County, N. Y. He was among the early settlers of Will County, coming here in 1855, and locating on a farm in Joliet Township, now the site of the Joliet Country Club. He was the owner of 256 acres of land, 80 acres of which were raw prairie. He carried on general farming and stock raising. He was a Democrat, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and served as supervisor of Will County for several years. He died in 1898, and his wife died in the seventies. There were seven children in the Shutts family: Catherine, married, Thomas Tait, of Will County, both deceased; Helen, Samuel, John, Cassius, all deceased; Frank, lives in Kansas; and Mary, deceased.

Peter Shutts attended the rural school, which is now the wood shed for the Babylon school, near the Country Club. He read law with Judge Randall and Royal A. Barber, later forming a partnership with James R. Flanders. In 1882 he withdrew from the partnership and began his own private practice. He is the oldest practicing attorney in this section and still active in the law. He is a staunch Democrat and for many years has been school inspector.

Peter Shutts married Miss Harriet Bush, born in Joliet, the daughter of Frank and Harriet (Diverson) Bush. Mr. Bush was born in Joliet, and his wife was a native of England. Mr. Bush was a pioneer merchant of this city. To Mr. and Mrs. Shutts the following children were born: Gladys, at home; Marjorie, married Alfred J. Gunderson, with the Sherwin-Williams Paint Company, Cleveland, Ohio; Irving, associated with his father in the practice of law; Glenn, in the electrical business, Chicago. He enlisted in the World War from Will County, and was stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Station. He was 18 years of age at the time he enlisted in 1918 and served throughout the remainder of the war; and Janet, a teacher, lives at home.

Irving Shutts attended the public and high schools of Joliet and was graduated from the latter in 1909. He then entered the University of Michigan and received his degree of L. L. B. from the Law Department in 1913, and was admitted to the County Bar. Since that time he has

been engaged in practice at Joliet, with offices at 207 Will County National Bank Building.

On Aug. 26, 1926, Mr. Irving Shutts married Miss Mildred C. Barker, a native of Newport, R. I. They have a son, Eugene, born May 29, 1917. Mr. Shutts is a Republican.

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**John Stephen.**—For many years one of the most representative and respected citizens of Will County, Ill., was the late John Stephen. He was born in the Province of Alsace, then of France, but later belonging to Germany, on July 18, 1839, the son of John Stephen, and his mother, whose maiden name was Odelia Haude, were likewise natives of the province, where they were reared and married. They lived there until 1846, then emigrated to America, leaving on a sailing vessel from Havre. They proceeded directly to Cuyahoga County, Ohio, but lived in that state only six months, coming thence to Illinois and located in Joliet Township, Will County, where he engaged in farming for a number of years. They later removed to Joliet where the last seven years of their life were spent. There were five children born to them, four sons and one daughter, of which John, the subject of this sketch, was the third child. John Stephen, Jr., was a child of seven years when his parents came to America, and he had a dim recollection of his old home in France and of the scenes and incidents attending the voyage to America. He lived with his parents until he was 23 years of age, when he was married and settled in the town of Troy, living there two years, thence returned to the old homestead which later became his property.

John Stephen was married on Oct. 13, 1863, to Miss Rachel, a daughter of Ignatz and Mary (Walter) Schall. The parents of Mrs. Stephen were also natives of Alsace and came to America in about 1847, settling near Rome, N. Y., later coming to Will County, Ill. They lived in the town of Troy for several years, and then removed to Joliet, where they resided until their death. They were the parents of ten children, of whom Mrs. Stephen was the youngest. She was born June 28, 1845, and was therefore less than two years of age when her parents emigrated to America. Mr. Stephen died Sept. 23, 1916, and Mrs. Stephen died Oct. 10, 1913. Both are buried in St. John's Cemetery, Joliet.

Mr. Stephen was a very successful farmer and stockman of Joliet Township, owning 330 acres of land at one time, and later 250 acres, all located on Troy Road, two miles west of the city of Joliet. He served





JOHN STEPHEN



as township highway commissioner of Joliet, and was a director of the Reed School Board for 12 years. He was a Democrat and a member of the Catholic Church.

To John and Rachel (Schall) Stephen nine children were born. 1. Clara, married Joseph Nussbaum, retired farmer, 101 Comstock Street, Joliet. 2. Mary R., married Joseph Heintz, lives at 707 Western Avenue. 3. John E., farmer and stockman, Kane County. 4. Frances M., married A. A. Nussbaum, connected with Joliet Herald-News, lives at 211 North Hickory Street. 5. Josephine A., married John J. Wellnitz, attorney, lives at 915 Western Avenue. 6. Adeline M., the widow of P. A. Murphy, lives at 905 Wilcox Street. Before her marriage she was a teacher in the Joliet city schools. 7. Amelia E., a nun, with the Sisters of St. Francis, stationed at Mansfield, Ohio. 8. Lenora S., a nun, also with the Sisters of St. Francis, Mansfield, Ohio. 9. Raymond A., a complete sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history.

The habits of thrift and industry to which John Stephen was trained from boyhood followed him through life, and in his latter years he was supplied with all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. He had a large circle of friends who have the kindest recollections of him.

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**Raymond A. Stephen**, secretary and treasurer of the J. L. Ferguson Company, is a native of Will County. He was born in Joliet Township, July 18, 1886, the son of John and Rachel (Schall) Stephen.

A complete sketch of John Stephen and his family will be found elsewhere in this history.

Raymond A. Stephen attended the public and high schools of Joliet and also graduated from Putland's Business College. He began his business life doing office work in Joliet and Chicago, and from 1912 until 1920 was located at Hammond, Ind., where he was chief clerk with the Northern Indiana Gas and Electric Company. In 1920 he returned to Joliet and became identified with the Commonwealth Motor Company as cost accountant, and in 1922 connected with the J. L. Ferguson Company, as secretary and treasurer.

On July 18, 1917, Mr. Stephen was united in marriage with Miss Jessie M. Birkey, who was born in Joliet, July 6, 1891. She is the daughter of Joseph and Anna (Pittman) Birkey. Mr. Birkey was born in Iowa City, Iowa, and is a veteran well driller of Joliet. To Mr. and Mrs. Birkey the following children were born: William, a fireman, Joliet,

a veteran of the World War; Avis, married Leo St. Julien, storekeeper, Illinois Steel Company, Joliet; Jessie Stephen; Gordon, with Barrett Hardware Company, Joliet, a veteran of the World War; Ralph, clerk of the E. J. & E. Railroad, Joliet, a World War veteran, served overseas one year; Elmer, salesman for A. Leath Furniture Company; Richard, clerk at E. J. & E. Railroad, Joliet; Robert, confectionery business, Joliet; Brownell, a student; Alice, married Thomas Reilly, teacher Joliet Township High School. Mrs. Stephen before her marriage was for four years a teacher in the schools of Joliet Township.

Mr. Stephen is a Democrat and a member of the Catholic Church. The Stephen family has been prominent in Will County for years, where the name stands for integrity, for uprightness and for patriotic service.

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**Henry R. Pohl**, who for more than half a century has been associated with the Peoples Loan & Homestead Association, has been an important factor in the growth and development of that institution. He was born in Germany, April 14, 1851, the son of Henry and Rosalia (Haupt) Pohl.

Henry Pohl emigrated to this country from Germany with his family in 1853 and settled in Chicago. The following year he removed to Joliet, being one of the first settlers of this section of the state. He was a tanner by trade. Mr. Pohl was a Democrat, a member of the Lutheran Church, and belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is deceased. His wife died in Chicago in 1854. Their only child was Henry R., the subject of this sketch.

The boyhood of Henry R. Pohl was spent in Joliet, and he received his education in the public schools. He served as assistant county clerk of Will County for one and one-half years and then became deputy circuit clerk, in which capacity he served for 14 years. He also was circuit clerk for eight years. In 1877 Mr. Pohl became identified with the Peoples Loan & Homestead Association and since that date has served as secretary of the organization. He has also been president of the Joliet Title & Guarantee Company.

Mr. Pohl was married July 29, 1874, to Miss Harriet E. Decker, who was born at Troy, N. Y., May 5, 1850, the daughter of Melvin Decker. Mr. Decker was born in New York and was an early settler of Iowa, having located at Maquoketa, where he was well known as a merchant and an interior decorator. He and his wife are deceased. They had

three children: Robert M., deceased; Harriet E. Pohl; and Ella J., the widow of Louis Anderson, lives at Waterloo, Ia. Three sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Pohl: Robert H., born May 9, 1875, a veteran of the Spanish American War, died Jan. 31, 1928, buried at Hot Springs, S. D.; Frederick W., born in May, 1880, secretary of the Peoples Loan & Homestead Association, Joliet; and John M., born Nov. 30, 1881, lives at Joliet.

Mr. Pohl has always been a Republican. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and a highly esteemed citizen of Joliet.

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**E. J. Perry**, of Joliet, is regarded as one of the city's successful industrial executives. He is superintendent of the American Can Company. Mr. Perry was born in Canada, Jan. 28, 1892, the son of Henry L. and Susan (Droulliard) Perry.

Henry L. Perry spent his early life in Canada, and in 1898 removed to Michigan with his family. He is a stationary engineer and still resides in Detroit. To Mr. and Mrs. Perry the following children were born: Fanny, married W. C. Churchill, superintendent of the Edsel Ford estate at Milford, Mich.; Alice, married Frank Schultz, superintendent of the Eagle Plant of the Ford Motor Company, Detroit; Albert, lives in Canada, is a veteran of the World War; Arson, property superintendent for the Buick Motor Company, Flint, Mich.; E. J., the subject of this sketch; Edna, married J. C. Bradford, photographer, Detroit, Mich.; Eva, married A. J. Stuart, foreman, Detroit Twist Drill Company, Detroit; Ernest, employed in the public works department, Detroit; Rose, supervisor of the Detroit Bell Telephone Company, lives at home; and Leo, connected with the Detroit Checker Cab Company, Detroit.

The education of E. J. Perry was obtained in the public schools of Detroit and the Catholic High School from which he was graduated in 1908. Three years later he entered the employ of the American Can Company in Detroit as a storage clerk. He came to Joliet in 1914 and served as department foreman for four years, as assistant superintendent for four years, and in 1923 was promoted to superintendent of the local plant.

On Oct. 23, 1917, Mr. Perry married Miss Helen C. Prange, who was born at Joliet, July 29, 1895, the daughter of Albert and Rose (Schmidt) Prange, natives of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Prange, now residents of Joliet, have four children: Frank, lives at Joliet; Martha, married

Charles Fletcher, lives at Phoenix, Ariz.; August, lives at Joliet; and Helen C. Perry. Mr. and Mrs. Perry have two children: E. J., Jr., born July 6, 1919; and Doris, born Feb. 15, 1922.

Mr. Perry and his family are members of the Catholic Church.

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**John Devine**, a doctor of dental surgery, who is engaged in the practice of his profession at Joliet, is a native of Illinois. He was born at Streator, Aug. 20, 1904, the son of Charles and Mary (James) Devine.

Charles Devine, who now lives retired at Streator, was for many years a leading merchant of that city. His wife, was born in Coal City, Ill. They were the parents of five children: John, the subject of this sketch; Charles, a banker, Oconto, Neb.; Thaddeus and Edward, students; Martha, deceased. Mr. Devine is a member of the Catholic Church and belongs to the Eagles.

John Devine attended the public schools and prepared for his profession in Creighton University, graduating with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1926. In the same year he returned to Joliet and has built up a good practice. His offices are located at 406 the Rialto Building.

During the World War Dr. Divine attended the military training school at Creighton University and received a commission as first lieutenant. He is a member of the Catholic Church, and one of the popular young men of Joliet. He is a member of the American Dental Association.

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**L. M. Struzynski, M. D.**, is a physician and surgeon of Joliet, with offices at 704 North Chicago Street. He was born in Warsaw, Poland, a son of Dr. Leonard Joseph and Josephine (Czajkowski) Struzynski.

The Struzynski family emigrated to the United States in the early days, locating first in Pennsylvania, and then going to Illinois, and locating at Joliet, where Dr. Leonard J. Struzynski was a pioneer physician. He also served in the Revolutionary War. He died in 1909 and his wife died in 1903. They are buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Joliet. There were six children in the Struzynski family, L. M., being the fourth in order of birth.

Dr. Struzynski was educated in his native land. After a medical course in Northwestern University, he graduated with the class of 1904,

and received his degree of Doctor of Medicine. He established his office at Joliet, that year, and has continued there to the present time. He served as Health Commissioner of Rockdale for two terms, and was pension examiner for 13 years. He is on the medical staff of the Joliet hospitals, and has a large practice.

He is a member of the American, State and County Medical associations.

In 1911 Dr. Struzynski was married to Lillian Lohman, a native of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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**W. W. Ducett**, of the firm of Kaiser & Ducett, general building contractors, ranks high among the most successful business men of Joliet. He was born at Chippewa Falls, Wis., May 22, 1884, the son of George and Lucy (Doyle) Ducett.

George Ducett came to the United States from Canada in early life and settled at Chippewa Falls, Wis. He removed to Chicago in 1893, where he became successful as a building contractor. He is still interested in the business in Chicago. Mr. Ducett is a Democrat and a member of the Catholic Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Ducett the following children were born: W. W., the subject of this sketch; May, the widow of William Bassett, lives at Grand Rapids, Mich.; Alice, the widow of James Weatherall, lives in Chicago; Ernest, lives at Harvey, Ill.; Edward J., real estate broker, lives in Chicago; Gustave A., a World War veteran, having served with the U. S. Marines, was disabled while in service, he now resides in Swan Lake, Mont.; Jeanette, married Edward McClain, lives in Chicago; Lee, electrical engineer, lives in Chicago, World War veteran, having served in France and Russia with the 127th Division, Regular Army; and Clarence, mortician, lives in Chicago, World War veteran, having served with the U. S. Navy. He enlisted in the service the day on which the war was declared and made 18 complete trips to France.

W. W. Ducett attended the public schools of Harvey, Ill., and when a boy learned the carpenter's trade. He was serving as superintendent of construction for a large building firm when 25 years of age, and in 1923, engaged in the general contracting business for himself as a member of the firm of Kaiser & Ducett. They specialize in the construction of theatres and bank buildings, and have contracts throughout the United States. During the World War Mr. Ducett was connected with

United States Government ship building, and served as a division superintendent at the Hog Island shipyards in Philadelphia.

On Sept. 5, 1905, Mr. Ducett married Miss Julia E. Goddard, of Creston, Iowa. She was born in 1884, the daughter of George and Minerva (Thorn) Goddard, both deceased. Mr. Goddard was born at Galesburg, Ill., and was an early settler of Creston, Iowa. He was a veteran of the Civil War. Mr. and Mrs. Goddard have the following children: William, building contractor, lives at Cozad, Neb.; Martha, married William Cunningham, building contractor, Creston, Iowa; George, farmer, veteran of the Spanish American war, lives at Creston, Iowa; Julia E. Ducett; Vant, farmer, veteran Spanish American War, lives in Wyoming; and Eva, deceased, was the wife of William Lacey, who lives at Creston, Iowa. To Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ducett a daughter was born, Jeanette Eleanor. She was born at Clay Center, Kan., Aug. 18, 1913, and died April 18, 1914.

Mr. Ducett is a Republican, a member of the Catholic Church, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, Elks Lodge, Joliet Country Club, and Chamber of Commerce.

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**Norman Macdonald**, who is secretary of Kaiser & Ducett, general building contractors, has a wide acquaintance in the city of Joliet, where he was born May 1, 1881. He is the son of Norman and Annie (Bowman) Macdonald.

Norman Macdonald was a native of Scotland and an early settler of Canada. He later lived in Chicago and came to Joliet in 1880, where he followed his trade as a blacksmith. He died in December, 1895, and his wife, a native of Scotland, died Sept. 5, 1911. Both are buried at Joliet. Mr. Macdonald was a Republican and a member of the Central Presbyterian Church. There were three children in the Macdonald family: Fannie, died at the age of four years; Norman, the subject of this sketch; and Anna, married W. G. Mateer, lives at Joliet.

Norman Macdonald received his early education in the public schools of Joliet and attended Denison University. He began his business career with the Illinois Steel Company in a clerical capacity, and later went with the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railroad, with whom he remained as chief clerk for 23 years. Mr. Macdonald has been identified with the contracting firm of Kaiser & Ducett as secretary since December 15, 1924.



On Oct. 5, 1913, Mr. Macdonald was united in marriage with Miss Josephine LeRette, who was born at Morris, Ill., May 3, 1885, the daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Zimmerman) LeRette, the former a native of Canada, and the latter of New York City. Mr. and Mrs. LeRette are residents of Joliet. He is a Republican, and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. To Mr. and Mrs. LeRette were born six children: Stella, married H. E. Carpenter, lives at Decatur, Ill.; Frederick, died in infancy; Catherine, married W. H. Hutchins, lives in Chicago; Henry, jeweler, lives at Morris, Ill.; Margaret, married Fred McCartan, lives at Elizabeth, N. J.; and Josephine Macdonald. Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald have three sons: Norman, Jr., born June 15, 1916; John Joseph, born April 26, 1919; and Robert L., born March 18, 1921.

Politically Mr. Macdonald is a Republican. He is a member of the Central Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with A. F. and A. M. No. 42, and the Elks Lodge, of which he is past worshipful master and exalted ruler at present.

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**William F. Meyer.**—One of the representative young business men of Joliet is Mr. Meyer, who is assistant cashier of the First National Bank. He was born in this city, Oct. 20, 1898, the son of Herman and Colina (Kingston) Meyer.

Herman Meyer was born at Bloomington, Ill., and in 1898 located at Joliet, where he entered the employ of the Illinois Steel Company. He has continued in the company's service to the present time and is a highly respected and well known resident of the city. Mr. Meyer is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church. He is also affiliated with the Masonic Lodge. Mr. and Mrs. Meyer have three sons: Lawrence L., lives at Joliet; William F., the subject of this sketch; and George F., attends the University of Illinois.

The boyhood of William F. Meyer was spent in Joliet and he attended the public schools. After his graduation from Joliet Township High School in 1916 he entered Northwestern University. He spent two years as swimming instructor in the public schools of Joliet and began his banking career with the Woodruff Trust Company late in 1917. Two years later he went with the First National Bank as secretary. He has been assistant cashier of the institution since 1926.

Mr. Meyer is a member of the Methodist church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge. He is a Republican in politics and takes an active interest in the civic and business affairs of the city.

**Londus Brannon, M. D.**—Standing high among the professional men of Will County, Dr. Londus Brannon, of Joliet, has honorably earned the position he occupies in his profession and community. He was born at Forest Hill, Ind., a son of John and Sarah (Marker) Brannon.

John Brannon was of Irish extraction, his parents coming to the United States from Ireland in the early days and locating in New Jersey, where John was born. In early life he settled near Oxford, Ohio, where he married Sarah Marker, a native of Ohio, of German ancestry. Soon after their marriage they came to Decatur County, Ind., where Mr. Brannon engaged in farming and stock raising. He died in May, 1893, and his wife died in 1908. They are both buried at Greensburg, Ind. There were six children in the Brannon family: Marion, who died in infancy; Laura, the widow of William Garten, lives on the old homestead in Indiana; Isophene, married John Wright, lives in Decatur County, Ind.; Weller, a farmer and stockman, lives on the old homestead; Dr. Londus, the subject of this sketch; and G. H., a physician and surgeon, of Manhattan, Ill.

Preliminary to his professional training, Londus Brannon received his education in the local schools. He spent one year at the University at Hartsville, Ind., and at the age of 18 he commenced teaching school that he might obtain money to pursue a medical course, which he had already enthusiastically adopted. He studied medicine in the office of Dr. Wooden at Greensburg, Ind. Four years thereafter he was graduated from the Medical Department of the University of Cincinnati, Ohio. He began the practice of his profession at Manhattan, Ill., where he remained until he decided to go to Chicago for the purpose of obtaining a thorough clinical training which is of incalculable value to the physician and surgeon, the experience thus acquired being equal in scope and variety to that which the average practitioner obtains in a life time. Dr. Brannon spent 18 months attending clinics in the Chicago Hospital, during the last 12 months of this period he held the position of house surgeon and physician in the post graduate hospital. Thus equipped professionally, Dr. Brannon removed to Joliet, where he has since resided and successfully practiced. He was one of the organizers of the Silver Cross Hospital, placing that institution on an aseptic and antiseptic basis and holding the position of surgeon in chief of the staff of regulars. He was also a lecturer on the subject of surgery before the training school for nurses, and both as an educator and an operator has earned a high reputation. Dr. Brannon is a member of the Illinois



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State, the Will County, and the Chicago Medical Societies, as well as the American Medical Association.

Dr. Brannon was married to Miss Elizabeth Jones. They have a daughter, Edna Louise Brannon, a teacher in the vocational high school physical training department. The family home is at 313 Richards Street.

In 1914 Dr. Brannon spent three months in Europe studying and was out of Germany just four days when war was declared.

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**A. D. McDougall**, cashier of the Illinois Steel Company, is a veteran of the World War, and a member of one of the earliest families of Joliet. He was born in this city, Aug. 2, 1887, a son of Duncan and Isabel (Beattie) McDougall.

Duncan McDougall came to the United States from Canada in 1868, and settled in Joliet. He was employed by the Illinois Steel Company for many years and died in 1912. His widow, also a native of London, Canada, resides at 113 Grover Street, Joliet. She is 82 years of age. To Mr. and Mrs. McDougall were born five children: Martha, married Elmer Pierce, lives at Joliet; Isabel, married F. S. Allen, lives at Los Angeles, Calif.; James, teller, Commercial Trust Company, Joliet; Albert, deceased; and A. D., the subject of this sketch.

Mr. McDougall is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge, and Elks Lodge. He has a wide acquaintance in this city where he has spent his entire life.

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**Thomas C. Davis.**—Among the prominent business men who have come to Joliet within recent years may be mentioned Thomas C. Davis, who is secretary of the Gerlach-Barklow Company. He was born in England, April 20, 1866, the son of James and Hannah (Carus) Davis.

James Davis, deceased, was a native of England. He lived there throughout his life and was employed in the government postal service. He died in 1879, and his wife died in 1895. They had five sons, three of whom are still living, as follows: Rev. Canon Davis, Bradford Cathedral, England; Rev. W. H. Davis, vicar Lower Brixham, Devonshire, England; and Thomas C., the subject of this sketch.

Thomas C. Davis grew up in England and was educated there. In 1890 he went to Winnipeg, Canada, where he spent six years as pro-

fessional accountant. He then went to St. Paul, Minn., and in 1908 came to Joliet, where he became identified with the Gerlach-Barklow Company, and has been secretary since 1922.

On Nov. 3, 1885, Mr. Davis was united in marriage with Miss Annie Russell, who was born in Birmingham, England., July 22, 1862. They have a daughter, Hetty Gladys, who was born Oct. 1, 1888. She was married April 27, 1918, to Lewis M. Body, of Chicago, and they have a daughter, Peggy Virginia, born in 1919.

Mr. Davis is a member of the Episcopal Church. He is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, and is past president of the Rotary Club of Joliet.

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**Frank E. Pennuto**, a progressive and well known merchant of Joliet, who is in the hardware, plumbing and sheet metal business, at 811 Collins Street, is a native of Italy. He was born there Jan. 27, 1889, a son of Charles and Rosa (Gallo) Pennuto.

Charles Pennuto came to the United States from Italy in 1892 and located in Joliet, where he was engaged on the construction of the Jackson Street dam. He is now superintendent of his son's hardware business. Mr. Pennuto was among the first four Italian men who organized the North Side Italian Political Club in 1901, of which his son, Frank E., is now president. The family home is at 300 Chase Street, Joliet. There were seven children in the Pennuto family: 1. Sarah, died in 1927; 2. James, a hardware merchant, Cass Street, Joliet; 3. Ralph, owner of grocery and meat market, Chicago, is a veteran of the World War. Previous to the war he enlisted in the United States Army at Chicago, and was stationed at Fort Townsend, Seattle, Wash., with the coast artillery, and served three years. 4. Josephine, resides in Italy. 5. Frank E., the subject of this sketch. 6. Louise, lives in Chicago, Ill. 7. Marie, lives at home.

Frank E. Pennuto attended the public schools of Joliet. At the age of 16 he left school and was employed by the Illinois Steel Company for four years. He then learned the barber business at which he worked from 1905 until 1912. Later, on account of his health, he went to Indianapolis where he worked in the machine shops of the Nordike Marmon Company until April, 1913, when he returned to Joliet and engaged in the hardware business, in which he has been unusually successful, and has one of the best equipped stores in this section of the State. He started without capital but owing to hard work and fair

dealings with the public he has a splendid trade in all branches of his business.

On Aug. 16, 1911, Mr. Pennuto was married to Miss Hilda Dennison, who was born June 25, 1892, at Mt. Vernon, Ind. There are five children in the Pennuto family: Eugene W., born Aug. 16, 1912, a student in high school; Frank R., Jr., born Oct. 17, 1913, a high school student; Lawrence B., born Nov. 16, 1916; Marie M., born Jan. 12, 1918; and Bernice V., born Dec. 8, 1921. The family home is at 809 Collins Street.

Mr. Pennuto has filled the office on the county board as supervisor of Will County for six years. His fraternal associations are: Mount Joliet Lodge, No. 42; Joliet Chapter, No. 27; Joliet Council, No. 2; Joliet Commandery, No. 4; and Knights Templar. He is a Republican in politics and he and his family are members of Ottawa Street Methodist Episcopal Church.

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**Robert D. McCoy** is a leading citizen of Joliet, and prominent business man, where he is president, treasurer and general manager of the Mid-West Wall Paper Mills Company. He was born in New Brunswick, N. J., Nov. 25, 1884, and is a son of John and Catherine (Smith) McCoy.

John McCoy, who was born in Philadelphia, Pa., was a pioneer wall paper manufacturer. He went to New Brunswick, N. J., when a young man and worked for Janway, one of the largest wallpaper mills. He remained in New Jersey for two years, returned to Philadelphia, and was engaged in the wall paper industry for three years. In 1889 Mr. McCoy located at York, Pa., where he organized one of the largest wall-paper mills in the world, having conducted this business for 33 years. He died in 1902, and is buried at York, Pa. His wife was born in Glasgow, Scotland. There were three children in the McCoy family: John S., vice president and sales manager of the United Wall Paper Mills, headquarters, New York City; Elizabeth, married Charles Ewing, stock broker, lives at Scarsdale, N. Y.; and Robert D., the subject of this sketch. John McCoy was a staunch Republican, and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Robert D. McCoy attended the public schools and was graduated from York High School, and from York (Pa.) College in 1902. The same year he entered the employ of the York Card & Paper Company, at York. He commenced at the bottom and worked his way through the various stages of paper making until at the time he resigned from the company he was holding the position of general superintendent and

purchasing agent, in 1925. He then came to Joliet, Ill., and organized the Mid West Wall Paper Mills, and built the company's plant, which it owns. This is one of the most modern, and well equipped wall paper plants in the country, and since its organization has operated 50 weeks a year, besides overtime work which is often found necessary owing to the large demands for its product.

Mr. McCoy was married in June, 1910, to Miss Kate Williams, who was born in Baltimore, Md., in 1887. They had three children: Mildred, born at York, Pa., Nov. 2, 1911, a graduate of Joliet High School, class of 1928; Virginia, born at York, Nov. 20, 1913, a junior; and Janet, born at York, Pa., died at the age of six months.

Politically Mr. McCoy is a Republican. He is an active member of the Central Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge, 32nd degree, Shrine, Elks Club, and Chamber of Commerce. He has served as commissioner of the Boy Scouts, and is chairman of the Troop Committee of the Central Presbyterian Church.

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**James Pennuto**, a successful hardware merchant of Joliet, was born in Italy, in 1883, the son of Charles and Rosa (Gallo) Pennuto.

Charles Pennuto, who was born in Italy, emigrated to the United States in 1892, and located at Joliet, and is one of the few remaining pioneer Italian families of this city. He worked on the construction of the Jackson Street dam, and is now superintendent of his son Frank E. Pennuto's hardware business. The family home is at 300 Chase Avenue. There were seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Pennuto, as follows: 1. Sarah, died in 1927, is buried in Italy. 2. James, the subject of this sketch. 3. Ralph, engaged in the grocery and meat business in Chicago. He enlisted in the United States Regular Army, before the World War, at Chicago, and was stationed at Fort Townsend, Seattle, Wash., where he was with the Coast Artillery. 4. Josephine, resides in Italy. 5. Frank E., a complete sketch of whom appears in this history. 6. Louise, lives at Chicago, Ill. 7. Marie, at home.

After attending the public schools of Joliet, James Pennuto entered the employ of the Illinois Steel Company, where he remained ten years. For the past 15 years he has been engaged in the general hardware business, and has been located at his present address, 809 Cass Street, since July, 1922. He has experienced a steady growth in his business and has a well established trade.



In 1911 Mr. Pennuto was married to Miss Isabella Puglino, a native of Italy, and they have the following children: Rosie, attending high school; Victoria, Weitho, Charles, and John.

Mr. Pennuto is a Republican in politics, and he and his family are members of St. Anthony's Catholic Church.

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**E. J. Gustafson**, optometrist, is among the prominent business men of Joliet where he works for his father in the city's pioneer jewelry store. E. J. Gustafson was born in Joliet, Dec. 7, 1892, the son of W. A. and Beda Charlotte (Lindeneau) Gustafson.

W. A. Gustafson came to the United States from Sweden, where he was born, in 1881, and settled in Chicago, where he was associated with the jewelry business of Matteson & Company. He was later with Benjamin Allen, wholesale jeweler, and in 1885 came to Joliet, where he established his present jewelry business. He has been located at 667 Cass Street since 1901, and since 1907 his son has been associated with him. Mr. Gustafson is a Republican, a member of the Lutheran Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge. To Mr. and Mrs. Gustafson were born 11 children, as follows: Linnea, married G. R. Kendall, jeweler, lives at Memphis, Tenn.; Alfred, jeweler, lives at Memphis; Vivian, married A. G. Humphries, florist, lives at Mt. Sterling, Ky.; Victor, associated with his father's business in Joliet; Carl, jeweler, lives at Forest City, Ark.; Lilly, died Oct. 6, 1908, at the age of 18 years; George R., jeweler, whose business is located at 323 Clinton Street, Joliet; Elmer J., associated in business with his father, is a veteran of the World War, having served in France with the 72nd Artillery Corps; Ruby E., lives at home; Edna M., high school teacher, Homer, Ill.; and Violet, at home.

E. J. Gustafson was educated in the grammar and high schools of Joliet. He began his business career in his father's store as a watchmaker in 1907, and since that time has been connected with the business.

On Oct. 19, 1922, Mr. Gustafson was united in marriage with Miss Myrtle M. Gustafson, who was born at Joliet, Sept. 14, 1901. They have a son, Edward M., born Dec. 4, 1923.

Mr. Gustafson is a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. He is a Republican.

V. G. Gustafson, G. R. Gustafson, and E. J. Gustafson were keenly interested in aviation and were designers and builders of three of the

first airplanes in this section of the country. They are also designers of the tractor biplane, which is similar in construction to the planes built by Louis Brequet in France.

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**Carl H. Peterson**, secretary and manager of the Joliet Calendar Company, is a representative young business man of this city. He was born here, March 24, 1896, and is a son of Charles O. and Anna Dorothy (Blomdahl) Peterson.

Charles O. Peterson, a native of Sweden, came to the United States when 21 years of age and located in Joliet, where he conducted a dairy business for many years. He is a Republican and a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, in which he taught Sunday School. Mrs. Peterson was also born in Sweden. There were five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Peterson: Carl H., the subject of this sketch; Lillian, married Anselm V. Lilyers, with Powers Thompson Construction Company, Joliet; Ellen, married Elmer Kramer, connected with the Will County Welding Company, Joliet; Chester, deceased; Siegrid, with the Joliet Calendar Company, married to Linnea Nelson, of Joliet.

Carl H. Peterson was a member of the 1913 class at the Joliet Township High School. He began his business career as a clerk in the office of the E. J. and E. Railroad, remaining there four years. Later he was with the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad doing valuation work in the auditor's office for the U. S. Government one year, and for two years thereafter was with the Standard Oil Company in Joliet as a bookkeeper. In 1919 he accepted a position with the Joliet Calendar Company as a bookkeeper; in 1921 was made secretary of the company, and general manager in 1924. The company's offices are located at 905 Benton Street. This company erected in 1928 a new plant on Gardner Street, this city. The plant and equipment cost over \$100,000.

On July 16, 1927, Mr. Peterson was united in marriage with Miss Rusha Eileen Farmer, a native of Kentucky, and later a resident of Fayetteville, Ark. She is a graduate of the University of Arkansas, and also a graduate nurse, having trained at Mercy Hospital, Chicago, Ill.

Mr. Peterson is a Republican and has served as committeeman since 1924. He is affiliated with Matteson Lodge, A. F. and A. M. No. 175; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. No. 27; Joliet Commandery, K. T. No. 4; A. A. O. N. M. S., Ansar Temple, of Springfield, Ill. He also belongs to the Shabbona Club, Shrine Club of Joliet, and is a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

**Henry Anderson.**—Through his lifelong interest in photography, and his careful and painstaking methods of business, Mr. Anderson's studio is known for artistic arrangement and equipment, and his system for expertness and thoroughness. His studio is located in the Young Building, Joliet. He was born in Denmark, June 30, 1869, a son of Christian and Anna (Pederson) Anderson.

Christian Anderson and his wife were natives of Denmark where Mr. Anderson was a farmer, and held several public offices. There were three children in the Anderson family: Andrew, a civil engineer, lives in Denmark; Anna Marie, married Christian Thompson, stockman, lives in Denmark; and Henry, the subject of this sketch.

Henry Anderson attended the public schools in his native land. In 1890 he came to the United States and settled at Chicago. He learned the photographer's trade and in 1897 opened a studio in Plano. The following year he removed to Wisconsin where he followed the same profession at Gillett. He has been a resident of Joliet since 1904 where he has continued in business until the present time.

On Oct. 3, 1895, Mr. Anderson married Miss Sena Anderson, who was born in Denmark, June 14, 1876. They have two sons: Elmer H., born June 12, 1897, photographer, lives in Indiana; and Magnus C., born Aug. 10, 1898, lives in Joliet.

Mr. Anderson is a Republican and is affiliated with the Masonic lodge in its various branches.

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**Walter Voitik** is a well known resident of Joliet, where he holds a responsible position with the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois. He was born in this city, Feb. 26, 1897, the son of Leo and Louise (Kramer) Voitik.

Leo Voitik has spent his entire life in Joliet, where he has been in the employ of the Illinois Steel Company for 37 years. He is employed in the machine shops. Mr. Voitik is a member of the Catholic Church. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Voitik: Louise, married Edward DeGrace, lives in Chicago; Walter, the subject of this sketch; Leo, Jr., Ray, Harold, Clarence, Helen, Joseph, George, Margaret, Mildred, and Gertrude, all at home.

Walter Voitik attended the parochial schools of Joliet and in early life entered the employ of the American Can Company, resigning his position with that company as assistant chief clerk after seven years.

He then went with the American Refractory Company for two years, and in May, 1921, entered the service of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois as a wireman's helper. He was in the accounting department for about four years and for one and one-half years as traveling auditor for the company, and in January, 1927, was promoted to chief clerk.

Mr. Voitik was married Feb. 20, 1919, to Miss Kathryn Keers, who was born at Braidwood, Ill., Feb. 29, 1896. They have two children: Walter, Jr., born March 13, 1925; and Kathryn, born Nov. 9, 1926.

Mr. Voitik is a Republican and a devout member of St. Raymond's Catholic Church.

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**J. Lee Ferguson**, president of the J. L. Ferguson Company, of Joliet, is well known and esteemed as a public spirited and useful member of the community, as well as a genial and likeable citizen. He was born in this city, June 30, 1884, a son of John J. and Mary (Eaton) Ferguson.

John J. Ferguson is a son of Robert and Nancy (McClintock) Ferguson, natives of Pennsylvania. They removed to Will County, Illinois, in the early days where Robert Ferguson engaged in farming and stock-raising and was well known throughout this section. He and his wife are deceased and are buried in Plainfield, Ill.

John J. Ferguson was born in Plainfield Township, Will County. He was reared on his father's farm and learned the trade of millwright. He worked in Joliet, Kansas, and later in Chicago. He is now living retired in Chicago, Ill. He is a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church. His wife was born near Hamilton, Ontario. To their marriage seven children were born: Joseph R., Chicago; May I., deceased, married E. J. Abell; Maud L., married G. D. McKensie, lives at Joliet; Elmer J., Chicago; J. L., the subject of this sketch; W. B., a veteran of the World War, lives at St. Petersburg, Fla.; and Helen, married E. A. Buford, Chicago.

J. Lee Ferguson attended the public schools of Joliet. He worked as driver and clerk for the Werden Buck Grocery Company, and afterward learned the carpenter trade from his father. In 1901 he worked at the millwright trade, in which he was occupied for a year. In 1902 Mr. Ferguson entered the employ of the American Cereal Company, now known as the Quaker Oats Company, as a draftsman. He remained with this concern until 1921 and resigned as chief engineer, to engage in business for himself. On March 1, 1923, the J. L. Ferguson Com-



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pany was incorporated, occupying leased quarters, which they purchased in February, 1924. The firm manufactures automatic machines, machines for weighing and measuring free flowing products into packages, and closing devices for packages. J. Lee Ferguson is president, and R. A. Stephen, secretary and treasurer.

In 1908 Mr. Ferguson was united in marriage with Miss Lily Weinbrod, a daughter of Charles and Louise Weinbrod, natives of Germany, and later residents of Grand Crossing, Ill. Mr. Weinbrod, who was a machinist by trade, now lives retired in Chicago. Mrs. Weinbrod is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson have five children: John D., Robert Charles, Willow Jean, all students; Donald Oscar; and Jack Leeland, deceased.

Mr. Ferguson is a member of the Joliet Chamber of Commerce, Joliet Country Club, Caledonian Club, Rivals Club, the Medina Athletic Club, Joliet Shrine Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with Akron Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 83; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. 27; Joliet Council, R. and S. M. M.; Joliet Commandery, K. T. No. 4; Oriental Commandery, thirty-second degree; Medina Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and B. P. O. Elks No. 296. He is a director of the Joliet Finance and Thrift Company, and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

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L. C. Stephens, one of the leading citizens of Will County, and of Joliet, is district manager of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois. He was born in Galesburg, Ill., Sept. 8, 1881, and is a son of L. D. and Mary (Cast) Stephens.

L. D. Stephens, who was born on a farm near Galesburg, was for many years a general contractor of that city. He is now deceased and is buried at Abington, Ill. Mrs. Stephens, who is 73 years of age, lives at Galesburg, Ill. There were two children born to Mr. and Mrs. Stephens: Samuel C., general traffic manager of the Clover Leaf Railroad, lives in Cleveland, Ohio; and L. C., the subject of this sketch. L. D. Stephens was a Republican and a member of the Congregational Church. He also was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

L. C. Stephens attended the public schools of Galesburg and when 17 years of age was a timekeeper for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy construction gang for one year. In 1907 he went with the old North Shore Electric Company, now known as the Public Service Company. Since 1920 he has been district manager of the Public Service Company

of Northern Illinois, with headquarters at Joliet. This district consists of three cities and 15 towns.

On June 16, 1910, Mr. Stephens was married to Miss Josephine Fricke, of Chicago. They have two children: Cathryne Mary, born Feb. 1, 1912, a student; and John Wesley, born Sept. 12, 1916.

Mr. Stephens is a member of the Masonic lodge. He and his family attend the Presbyterian Church. His politics have always been Republican.

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**Ralph A. Moore**, president of the J. P. & A. Transportation Company, ranks high among the successful business men of Joliet. He was born at Northfield, Iowa, Feb. 3, 1874, the son of Frederick S. and Josephine (Gilbert) Moore.

Frederick S. Moore was born in Newfoundland. He was one of the earliest settlers of Page County, Iowa, where his father owned and operated a woolen mill. In 1877 the family located in Colorado, where they took up a homestead on government land. They became large land owners and extensive cattle raisers. Later the Moore family went to Spokane, Wash., where Mr. Moore had large mining interests. Frederick S. Moore still resides at Spokane, Wash., and is now 85 years of age. His parents lived to be more than 100 years old. To Frederick S. and Josephine (Gilbert) Moore were born five children: Gilbert, deceased; Robert, deceased; Elmer E., deceased; Ralph A., the subject of this sketch; and Benjamin, deceased. The original homestead of the Moore family in Iowa is still in existence and is one of the interesting spots to be found in Page County. Frederick S. Moore is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife died in 1893 and is buried at Spokane.

Ralph A. Moore grew up in Iowa and later lived in Colorado. He was educated in the country schools and also took a business course at Spokane, Wash. He was employed by the Ledgerwood Electric Railway Company in Spokane from 1891 until 1896, as superintendent, and then entered the service of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company as brakeman and conductor, with whom he remained until 1904. He was with the Southern Pacific Railroad Company until 1916, located at San Jose, Calif., as conductor and electric locomotive engineer. He later became superintendent of equipment and later superintendent of transportation for the same railroad. In 1916 he came to Joliet as general manager of the J. P. & A. Railroad. In 1924 he was promoted to president of the



company. Mr. Moore is also president of the Illinois Electric Railway Association. In 1924 he organized the Joliet, Aurora & Plainfield Transportation Company, of which he is president.

On Jan. 8, 1891, Mr. Moore was united in marriage with Miss Clara H. Dewey, of Jonesville, Mich., born July 12, 1875. She is a grandniece of Admiral Dewey and the daughter of David C. and Lydia (Lynch) Dewey, the former a native of Syracuse, N. Y., and the latter of Michigan. They have the following children: Frank, lives at Tacoma, Wash.; Ella, deceased; Clara H. Moore; Charles, lives at Los Angeles, Calif.; and Sadie, married Arthur Robinson, lives at Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. Dewey died in 1908 and his widow lives in Los Angeles. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Moore; Chester G., born May 15, 1899, vice president of the United Motor Coach Company, Chicago; Ralph Stewart, born May 3, 1903, master mechanic for the J. P. & A. Transportation Company, lives at Plainfield, Ill.; and Arlene, born Feb. 9, 1905, lives at home.

Mr. Moore is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias, and Elks Lodge. He and his family have an extensive acquaintance throughout Will County and are popular both in the civic and social life of Joliet.

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Irma Read Downey, manager of the Will County Motor Club, which is a branch of the Chicago Automobile Club, is a native of Wisconsin, and the daughter of S. A. and Hattie Mae (Hyde) Read.

S. A. Read was born at Geneva, Wis., and is now a resident of Joliet, where he was interested in the oil business and is now associated with the Ruberoid Manufacturing Company as superintendent. He is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with the Elks Lodge, Loyal Order of Moose, and Eagles. To Mr. and Mrs. Read were born three children: Merle, engaged in the automobile business, Joliet; Allan, mention of whom is made below; and Irma, the subject of this sketch.

Allan Read, popularly known in Joliet at "Pat", was first manager of the Will County branch of the Chicago Motor Club. In connection with the club he also engaged in the automobile insurance business. Mr. Read died in 1925, and the club has since been ably managed by his sister, Mrs. Downey.

Irma Read was married June 9, 1926, to Arthur J. Downey. He was born at Joliet, Feb. 3, 1896. Mr. Downey served throughout the

World War and after his discharge from the service went to Chicago, where he engaged in the insurance business until 1923. He has since been a resident of Joliet.

Mr. Downey is a member of the Catholic Church and belongs to the Elks Lodge. Both he and his wife have a wide acquaintance in Joliet, where they are prominent in social and civic affairs.

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**Milton S. Johnston** is an enterprising and progressive business man of Joliet, where he is identified with the Johnston Coal, Building Material and Transfer, located on West Fourth Avenue. He was born in this city, June 17, 1875, the son of A. C. and Mary (Star) Johnston.

A. C. Johnston, deceased, was born in Adrian, Mich., and settled in Joliet, Ill., in 1898, and engaged in the coal business, as well as building materials of all kinds. Mr. Johnston was a member of the Richards Street Methodist Church, and served as trustee and as treasurer of same. In politics he was a Republican. He died in December, 1922, and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Joliet. Mrs. Johnston, who was born in Wheaton, Ill., now lives with her daughter, Myrtle, at Troy, N. Y. To Mr. and Mrs. Johnston three children were born: Milton S., the subject of this sketch; Myrtle, a teacher in Russell Sage College, Troy, N. Y.; and Arthur, a tool and die manufacturer, lives in Chicago.

Milton S. Johnston attended the public schools of Detroit, Mich., after which he entered his father's coal business in 1892. Since the death of his father Mr. Johnston and his mother are sole owners. Mr. Johnston is also interested in various other business enterprises, and conducts a trucking and transfer business, and owns and operates a large garage and service station at Fourth and Eastern Avenue, Joliet.

On April 30, 1904, Mr. Johnston was married to Miss Jane Francis, a daughter of Charles and Mary (Haven) Francis. Mr. Francis, who was born in New Lenox, Ill., was a farmer and stockman, and owned 400 acres of land in Lenox Township. He was also a breeder of thoroughbred stock and the owner of a large dairy. He was a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church. He is deceased and is buried in New Lenox Township. Mrs. Francis was a daughter of Judge Haven, and a sister of Dwight Haven, who was judge of Will County. Mrs. Francis now resides at 109½ Grover Street, Joliet. There were six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Francis: Charles, a physician, deceased; Alice, a teacher in the public schools, Chicago; Walter, deceased;

Francis Johnston; Marguerite, married R. E. Stephens, a capitalist, lives at Daytona, Florida; and Fred, who lives on the old homestead, and is a stockman, is also supervisor of Lenox Township. To Mr. and Mrs. Johnston four children have been born: Charles, born March 4, 1906, a graduate of Joliet High School, in business with his father, lives at home; Walter, born 1907, a graduate of high school, is also connected with his father's business; Ruth, born in 1910, a graduate of high school, now attends Russell Sage College, Troy, N. Y.; and Louise, born in 1912, attends St. Francis Academy.

Mr. Johnston is a member of the Methodist Church and has served as trustee for a number of years. He has always taken an active interest in all civic affairs. He has served as treasurer of the Republican Central Committee of Will County, is secretary of the Rotary Club of Joliet, and a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge.

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**James H. Merrill** is a prominent young business man of Joliet, and is secretary of Hansen & Petersen Company, general contractors. He was born in this city, Dec. 6, 1893, and is a son of Fred H. and Miriam (Puddicombe) Merrill.

Fred H. Merrill, who now lives retired, is a pioneer resident of Will County. He was born in Jackson Township and when a young man removed to Joliet. He was then employed in various jobs and worked on the street cars. Later he opened a grocery store in partnership with his brother, Charles Merrill, which they conducted successfully for a number of years. He then entered the postal service and for 35 years was a valued employe of the Joliet post office. He is a Republican and attends the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Merrill was born at St. John's New Foundland. The family home is at 303 Mississippi Avenue, Joliet. To Mr. and Mrs. Merrill three children were born, as follows: Erle R., superintendent of the Bethlehem Steel Company's coke plant, Johnstown, Pa.; James H., the subject of this sketch; Dr. E. Forrest, physician and surgeon, is chief of the X-Ray department of Rochester General Hospital, Rochester, N. Y. Previous to this he was identified with the Mayo Brothers at Rochester, Minn. During the World War he served in the Reserve Medical Corps.

James H. Merrill graduated from Joliet High School in 1911, and then attended law school for a time. In 1914 he entered the employ of

Hansen & Petersen Company, general contractors, as a bookkeeper. Mr. Merrill has been secretary of the firm since 1924.

On Sept. 5, 1925, Mr. Merrill was married to Miss Thekla C. Bale, and they have two children: James B., born Dec. 18, 1926; and Miriam, born March 23, 1928. The family are members of the Presbyterian Church, in which Mr. Merrill is an elder and a deacon.

During the World War Mr. Merrill enlisted for service in the navy, at Chicago, on Dec. 11, 1917. He was stationed at New York City, and received his training on the U. S. S. Gopher on the Great Lakes. He was released from active service Feb. 15, 1919, and returned to Joliet.

Mr. Merrill is a Republican and belongs to the Masonic Lodge, being a member of Knights Templar No. 4, Oriental Consistory, Chicago and Ansar Shrine, Springfield, Ill. He is also a member of Joliet Chamber of Commerce.

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**Charles E. Gray.**—Prominent among the successful business men of Joliet is Charles E. Gray, a member of the firm of Webb & Gray Coal Company. He was born in this city, Feb. 5, 1886, a son of John W. and Nora (Rogers) Gray.

John W. Gray was born in Joliet and for a number of years was engaged in the grocery business and later was in the bakery business. He is now living retired at 314 Campbell Street, this city. Mr. Gray served as alderman of the Sixth Ward, Joliet, for twenty years, and was chief State Grain Inspector under Gov. John P. Altgelt, and held many other civic offices. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America; Ancient Order of Hibernians, B. P. O. Elks, and politically is a staunch Democrat. He is a Catholic. Mrs. Gray is deceased and is buried in Olivet Cemetery, Joliet. There were eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Gray: John and Lawrence, both deceased; Charles E., the subject of this sketch; George, owner of Joliet Bakery Company; Raymond, deceased; Melville, attorney, with firm of Donovan, Bray & Gray, Joliet. He enlisted in the U. S. Army while attending Harvard College, and was sent to Camp Grant, and later to Fort Sheridan. He served during the war and was commissioned a first lieutenant; Mary J., lives at home; and Catherine, married Fred J. Walsh, real estate, lives at Joliet.

Charles E. Gray attended the parochial and public schools of Joliet, and worked in his father's grocery store. He later went to Colorado

where he worked for eight years as a nail maker. He returned to Joliet and was employed by the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railroad in a clerical capacity for ten years. In partnership with Michael Webb they opened and operated the Alamo Billiard and Lunch Parlors, at Chicago and Clinton Streets, this city, which they sold out after three years. In 1927 they organized the Webb & Gray Coal Company, and have a well established business.

Mr. Gray is a Democrat and a member of the Catholic Church. He also belongs to the Knights of Columbus and Elks Lodge.

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**John F. Skeel**, who is serving as clerk of the Joliet Township High School and clerk of the Joliet Township School Board, is one of the best known citizens of Will County. He was born in Putnam County, Ill., Dec. 24, 1860, the son of Linus B. and Flora (Morrison) Skeel.

Linus B. Skeel, deceased, was among the early settlers of Putnam County, having located there in 1830. He was born at Syracuse, N. Y., and his wife was a native of Scotland. Mr. Skeel improved 220 acres of land in Putnam County and became a successful farmer. He died at the age of 85 years and his wife died when 91 years of age. Both are buried in Union Grove Cemetery, near the old homestead. Mr. Skeel served throughout the Black Hawk War. He was a lifelong member of the Congregational Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Skeel the following children were born: Nathan L., deceased; Donald W., died at the age of 21 years; Olive, married James B. Foley, lives in Colorado; William L., deceased; John F., the subject of this sketch; and Flora M., lives in Sioux City, Iowa.

The boyhood of John F. Skeel was spent in Putnam County on his father's farm. He attended the public and high schools of Granville, and later attended Wheaton College, from which he was graduated in 1883. For one year he taught in the schools of Tama, Iowa, and was principal of the Granville (Ill.) High School, for two years. He also served as superintendent of schools in Putnam County. Many years ago he came to Joliet, where he accepted the position of cashier and bookkeeper for the Barrett Hardware Company. He later was employed as an accountant for the Illinois Steel Company and as cashier of the Lambert & Bishop Company. In 1894 he was appointed principal of the Broadway school. Aug. 1, 1896, he was elected clerk of the Board of School Inspectors of Joliet. Upon the creation of the Joliet Township

School Board in 1897, Mr. Skeel was appointed clerk. He has served both boards in that capacity continuously since that date.

On June 11, 1885, Mr. Skeel married Miss Flora C. Birdsell, of Tama, Iowa. They have two adopted sons: Gordon, born Aug. 27, 1899, is a World War veteran, lives at Joliet; and William H., born April 24, 1902, lives at Detroit, Mich.

Mr. Skeel is a Republican, and a member of the Presbyterian Church, of which he has served as elder for 37 years.

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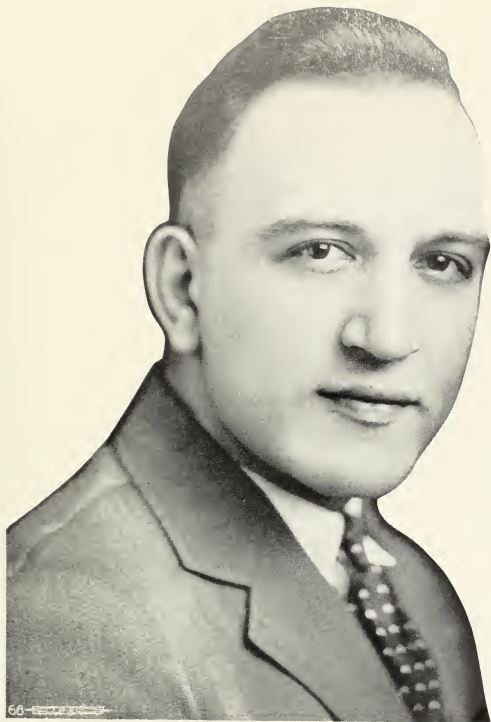
**John M. Jenco**, who represents the 41st district of Illinois in the state legislature, is well known in Joliet, where he has lived since early boyhood. He was born in Menominee, Mich., Jan. 4, 1898, a son of Matthew and Susan (Rheha) Jenco.

Matthew Jenco and his wife were both born in Austria-Hungary, and were married in Harwood, Pa. Upon coming to this country Mr. Jenco settled in the East, later removing to Joliet, Ill., where he conducted a saloon business. He sold this and entered the employ of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railroad. There were nine children in the Jenco family: John M., the subject of this sketch; Michael, Indiana Harbor, Mich.; Susan, at home; Marie, lives at Hazeltine, Pa.; Edward, Anna, Elsie, and Frances, all students; and Frank, deceased. The family are members of the Catholic Church and in politics Mr. Jenco is a Republican.

John M. Jenco attended the public and parochial schools of Joliet, after which he was an apprentice machinist with the Illinois Steel Company for four years. He then traveled as a journeyman machinist for several years throughout the United States. Returning to Joliet he worked for the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railroad. In 1922 he was appointed first deputy sheriff under Sheriff John D. Walker, and served four years. In 1926 he was elected representative to the state legislature from the 41st district and took office Jan. 4, 1927. Mr. Jenco is the youngest member of the House this session.

In 1925 Mr. Jenco was married to Miss Henrietta Cirhan, a daughter of Joseph and Mary Cirhan, natives of Jackson, Minn., where Mr. Cirhan is a merchant. Mr. and Mrs. Jenco have two daughters, Betty Jane, and Verna May. The family are members of St. Cyril's Catholic Church.

Mr. Jenco is affiliated with the following organizations: B. P. O. Elks, No. 296; F. O. Eagles; Loyal Order of Moose, No. 300; Speed Boys Club;



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International Association of Machinists, St. Cyril's Athletic Club; and Chamber of Commerce. Politically he is a Republican. Mr. Jenco is a young man of high ideals and has many friends in Joliet.

In May, 1928, Mr. Jenco opened a gents' furnishing store at 416 Meeker Avenue, and is meeting with success.

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**Welcome L. Dow** is well known in Joliet, where he is identified with the O. D. Larson Motor Company, agents for the Packard Automobile, as manager. He was born at Stockton, Ill., Feb. 9, 1890, the son of Worthy F. and Florence R. (Fitzsimmons) Dow.

Worthy F. Dow, who settled in Joliet, in 1904, was a native of Stockton, Ill. He was a carpenter by trade and engaged in the business in this city until the time of his retirement. He died at Twin Falls, Idaho, in 1918. His widow resides there. To Mr. and Mrs. Dow were born two sons: George M., who died at Twin Falls, in 1920; and Welcome L., the subject of this sketch.

George M. Dow married Miss Etta L. Gray, of Joliet, who survives him. She has two daughters, Mary and Ruth, and they live at American Falls, Idaho.

Welcome L. Dow attended the public schools and was graduated from Joliet Township High School in 1908. He went as cashier for the National Packing Company for two years, and was then located at Twin Falls, Idaho, as district cashier and manager for the Bell Telephone Company. He later spent five years with the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone Company, and returned to Joliet in 1915. He served as purchasing agent for the city for five years, and then began his automobile connections, with the A. W. Ehlers Motor Company. Mr. Dow has been associated with the O. D. Larson Motor Company since 1923.

On Sept. 6, 1911, Mr. Dow was united in marriage with Miss Helen M. Moore, who was born in Joliet, the daughter of Edwin M. and Harriet (Rayworth) Moore. A complete sketch of Edwin M. Moore appears elsewhere in this history. He is vice president of the Barret Hardware Company. To Mr. and Mrs. Dow have been born three children: Edwin F., born March 31, 1913; Robert G., born Aug. 2, 1917; and Genevieve M., born Sept. 14, 1919.

Mr. Dow is a Republican, a member of the Central Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge. He also belongs to the Joliet Country Club and Chamber of Commerce.

**Mrs. Lois Davidson**, one of the proprietors of the Davidson Cafeteria, is a leading business woman of Joliet. She was born at Sennett, N. Y.

Mrs. Davidson has been a resident of Joliet since 1880. She was married in August, 1889, to Thomas Chalmers Davidson, who died in 1908. He was born at Warsaw, N. Y., and throughout his life was interested in the newspaper business. Beginning work on a newspaper at Cairo, Ill., he later was connected with the Inter-Ocean, in Chicago. He also was connected with a local newspaper before his death. Mr. Davidson was a life long Republican and a member of the Universalist Church. He is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Joliet.

Davidson Cafeteria was started by Mrs. Lois B. Davidson, June 6, 1914. She began in a small way and later Mrs. Minnie L. Davidson, her sister, became associated with her. The Davidson Cafeteria, which is located at 312 Clinton Street, is among the attractive restaurants of the city and has facilities for serving 300 people. They also specialize in catering to banquets, and private parties.

Mrs. Davidson is identified with the Business and Professional Womens Club, the Bethany Circle of Kings Daughters, and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is a Republican and holds membership in the Universalist Church. Her residence is at 100 Brooks Avenue.

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**Michael Webb**, a well known and enterprising business man of Joliet, is a member of the firm of the Webb & Gray Coal Company. He was born in Joliet, Nov. 1, 1885, and is a son of John and Julia (Cunningham) Webb.

John Webb, deceased, was born in Syracuse, N. Y. He came to Will County in the early days and settled at Joliet. He was a railroad builder for a time, and for many years was employed by the Illinois Steel Company. He was a Democrat and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. He died Oct. 20, 1910, and his wife, who was born in England, died in February, 1911. They are buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Joliet. They were the parents of seven children: William, deceased; Mary, married Alfred Richardson, lives in Fairmount Park, Joliet; John, a member of the firm of Webb & Riley, carbonated drink bottlers, Joliet; Thomas, deceased; Michael, the subject of this sketch; Nellie, married John Scott, lives in Joliet; and Joseph, with the Webb & Riley Bottling Works.

Michael Webb attended the public schools of Joliet, and then worked for the Illinois Steel Company for 16 years. He later was associated with Charles E. Gray in the Alamo Billiard and Lunch parlors, located at Clinton and Chicago Streets. In 1927 he and Mr. Webb organized the Webb & Gray Coal Company, which is located at 411 East Marian Street. They are wholesale and retail dealers and are meeting with success.

On Feb. 7, 1906, Mr. Webb married Miss Edith Mercer, who was born in England, July 7, 1889. They have three children: Irene, born Oct. 28, 1909, is private secretary for her father and is a graduate of St. Francis Academy, in 1927; Evelyn, born April 20, 1919, a student; and William, born Sept. 5, 1922.

Mr. Webb is a Democrat and a member of the Catholic Church.

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**The Reverend William Charles Godden**, pastor of the Ottawa Street Methodist Episcopal Church of Joliet, was appointed to that church in October, 1924.

Mr. Godden was born in England and came to this country in his youth. He spent many years in study for the ministry and finally graduated from the Garrett Biblical Institute of Evanston, the theological school connected with Northwestern University of Illinois, in the class of 1903.

The Reverend Mr. Godden became a member of the Rock River Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1901 and has served as pastor of the churches of his denomination in Manhattan, Newark, and Lisbon, and Glen Ellyn, all in Illinois and the following named churches in Chicago: Vincent, Gresham, Diversy, Boulevard, Calvary and Joyce Memorial.

For six years consecutively, Mr. Godden was elected to serve as secretary of the Chicago Methodist Preachers' Meeting and in 1919 was elected to the presidency of that organization. In 1927 he was elected to the presidency of the Will County Ministerial Association.

Mr. Godden was greatly honored by the Rock River Conference by being elected as one of the delegates to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which held its sessions in 1928 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Godden is a member of the Joliet Chamber of Commerce, of the Kiwanis Club of Joliet, and of several orders in Masonry. In June,

1903, Mr. Godden was united in marriage to Miss Mamie Davidson Metcalf of Oswego, N. Y., and they spent the first months of their married life in the parsonage at Manhattan, in Will County. One child was born to this union, Adelle Margaret, who graduated from the public schools of Chicago and later from the School of Music of the Northwestern University, receiving her Bachelor's degree in 1925. Miss Godden is now a teacher of music in piano and voice at the Columbia School of Music in Aurora, Illinois.

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**N. N. Julian.**—One of the prominent young men of Will County, interested in educational work, is N. N. Julian, who is superintendent of grade schools at Lockport. He was born at Golconda, Ill., March 15, 1896, the son of John and Martha (Ewitts) Julian.

John Julian, who lives retired at Creal Springs, Ill., is a native of Tennessee. Early in life he located in Pope County, Ill., where he engaged in general farming and stock raising. He became the owner of 220 acres of land and was an extensive stockman. He was married first to Marry Barger, deceased. She was born near Golconda, Ill., and to this union one son was born: Harry, a poultryman of Mt. Vernon, Ill. Martha (Ewitts) Julian, born at Golconda, Ill., died Dec. 15, 1921, and is buried at that place. To Mr. and Mrs. Julian were born four children: Mattie, married Scott Randolph, lives at Golconda, Ill.; Evan, married Charles Wasson, lives at Golconda, Ill.; Rachel, married Ely Buchanan, lives at Metropolis, Ill.; and N. N., the subject of this sketch.

N. N. Julian obtained his early schooling at Golconda and in 1923 was graduated from the Teachers College at Carbondale, Ill. He also has been a student at Illinois State Normal School and has taken post graduate work at the University of Chicago and the University of Wisconsin. Early in 1913 Mr. Julian began his teaching career in the schools of Pope County. During the World War he enlisted for service on June 10, 1918, and was sent to the Polytechnical School at Peoria, Ill., and later to Camp Hancock, Ga., where he was assigned to Company H, Ordinance Department. He served in France until the close of the war and was discharged July 29, 1919, from Camp Grant, Ill. Upon his return to Illinois Mr. Julian became connected with the schools of Pope County again, but soon after entered the employ of the Indian Refining Company as a bookkeeper at Lawrenceville, Ill. In 1921 he entered the teachers college at Carbondale, Ill., where he graduated in 1923. The

following year he became superintendent of schools at Arthur, Ill., and four years later, 1927, accepted his present position with the grade schools at Lockport.

Mr. Julian is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is unmarried.

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**Philip Yost** was born at Lockport, Nov. 14, 1862. He was educated in the public schools and began life as a farmer. He was later employed on the Illinois and Michigan Canal. He spent several years at St. Louis, Mo., with his brother, Henry J. Yost, and in 1885 they established their present business at Lockport, which is operated under the firm name of Yost Brothers. Mr. Yost was one of the founders of the First National Bank of Lockport, of which he has served as vice president since the date of its organization in November, 1907. He is also a director.

Mr. Yost was married May 1, 1887, to Miss Frances Waldeogel, who was born at Lockport, June 14, 1865. They have two daughters: Cansilda, born March 22, 1890, married W. S. Peck, and they have a son, Philip Worden Peck, born Jan. 20, 1925; and Marilla, born April 7, 1891, married Emory Carlson, lives at Lockport, and they have a son, Emory, Jr., born June 15, 1923.

Mr. Yost is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge and Shrine of Springfield, Ill. In politics he has always been a Republican.

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**Henry J. Yost.**—One of the leading citizens of Lockport, will known throughout Will County, is Henry J. Yost, who is identified with Yost Brothers, pioneer grocers. He was born at Lockport, May 28, 1858, the son of John and Mary (Miller) Yost.

John Yost, deceased, was a native of Germany. He came to this country in 1852 and settled at Lockport, where he served for many years as a foreman for the Norton Milling Company. He was later identified with the American Strawboard Paper Company of Lockport. Mr. Yost was a Republican and a member of the Lutheran church. He died June 15, 1900, and his wife died in 1915. Both are buried in the Lockport Cemetery. To Mr. and Mrs. Yost were born the following children: Peter, deceased; Henry J., the subject of this sketch; John, Jr., deceased; Philip, mention of whom is made below; Charles, lives at

St. Louis, Mo.; William, lives at Lockport; Louis, deceased, and Albert, lives at Lockport.

Henry J. Yost grew up at Lockport and attended the public schools. He was employed by the Norton Company, paper manufacturers, of Lockport for a short time, and later went to St. Louis, where he spent eight years in the meat business. In 1885 he returned to Lockport and became interested in the meat and grocery business here in partnership with his brother Philip. For more than 40 years Mr. Yost has ranked among the dependable merchants of the city.

On March 15, 1883, Mr. Yost married Miss Isabel Ruppert, who was born at St. Louis, Feb. 4, 1864. They have two daughters, Lillian, born Oct. 13, 1884, married Ross D. Heaps, of Irving Park, Ill., and they have two children, Phyllis and Willard; and Mae, born May 1, 1887, lives at home.

Mr. Yost is a Republican and a member of the First Spiritualist Society. He has been a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and Elks Lodge for 30 years, and is prominent in the club life of the city.

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H. L. Way, who is serving as chief clerk for the Texas Company, is one of the progressive young business men of Lockport and a veteran of the World War. He was born at Slater, Mo., Oct. 14, 1896, the son of R. L. and Georgia (Sullens) Way.

R. L. Way was born in Bourbon County, Ky., and in early life went to Missouri where he engaged in general farming and stock raising near Kansas City. He now lives retired in California. His wife, a native of Missouri, died in 1903, and is buried at Slater, Mo. R. L. Way is a Democrat and a member of the Methodist Church. There are five children in the Way family: Walter C., mining engineer, lives at Denver, Colo.; H. B., civil engineer, lives at Ogden, Utah; H. L., the subject of this sketch; Edith, married J. S. Jolliffe, lives at San Antonio, Texas; and Beulah, married E. D. Roberts, lives at San Antonio, Texas.

H. L. Way attended the public schools of Slater, Mo., and took a business course at Houston, Texas. He was employed in a clerical capacity by the Chicago & Alton Railroad at Slater for a short time, and later worked in Texas City, Texas, with the Pierce Oil Corporation. He has been identified with the Texas Company since 1917, and until January, 1924, was in the company's general office at Houston, Texas. He was then transferred to Lockport as chief clerk.

During the World War Mr. Way enlisted for service at Houston, Tex., in October, 1917, and served in France with the United States Marines. He was discharged at Newport News, Va., in August, 1919, with the rank of sergeant.

On July 31, 1920, Mr. Way married Miss Camille Preston, who was born at Houston, Texas, Oct. 21, 1899, the daughter of F. W. and Camie (Parrish) Preston, of Houston. Mr. and Mrs. Preston have three children: Camille Way; Lawrence, lives at Houston; and Frances, married Carl Woodard, lives at Houston. Mr. and Mrs. Way have a daughter, Dorothy, born Jan. 24, 1926.

Mr. Way is independent in politics and he is a member of the Christian Church. He also belongs to the Masonic Lodge.

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**Louis Meader**, successful dairy farmer, is a highly esteemed resident of Lockport and a member of one of the oldest and best known families of Will County. He was born at Lockport, Feb. 5, 1863, on the farm where he now lives, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Meader.

Louis Meader was born in Germany and early in life emigrated to the United States. He was among the first settlers of Lockport and located on the present Meader farm in Section No. 26 in Lockport Township. He improved 80 acres and spent his life here as a cooper and farmer. He died Jan. 2, 1888. His wife is also deceased. They are buried in Lockport Cemetery. Mr. Meader was a Democrat and a member of the German Lutheran Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Meader the following children were born: Margaret, the widow of Charles Murr, lives at Joliet; Sarah, married Charles Falconer, lives at Lockport; and Louis, the subject of this sketch.

Louis Meader has always lived at Lockport. After completing his schooling he engaged in general farming on the old homestead near Lockport. He now owns 60 acres of well improved land and is known as a dairy farmer.

In 1890 Mr. Meader was united in marriage with Miss Kate Williams, of Will County, born Feb. 9, 1861, the daughter of Michael and Anna (Kramer) Williams, natives of Germany and early settlers of Lockport. Mr. and Mrs. Williams, deceased, were the parents of the following children: Veronica, married James Barclay, lives at Joliet; Kate Meader; John, lives in Dupage Township, Will County; Jacob, lives at Joliet; Lillian, married John Waldvogel, lives at Joliet; Nicholas, lives at

Aurora, Ill.; Anna, married John Blum, lives at Naperville, Ill.; and Emma, married Frank Eftting, and she is now deceased. Mr. Williams was a Democrat and a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Lockport. To Mr. and Mrs. Meader were born six children, as follows: Anna, born Dec. 5, 1891, lives at home; Louis, Jr., born Feb., 1894, married Gertrude Steif, and they have a daughter, Lois, born Oct. 16, 1919; Rose, born March 7, 1896, married Joseph Meurer, lives at Lockport, and they have a son, Joseph, Jr., born May 5, 1926; Catherine, born Jan. 18, 1898, lives at home; Lucy, born Oct. 31, 1900, lives at home; and Henry, born Aug. 8, 1903, lives at home.

Politically, Mr. Meader is a Democrat and he has served as county highway commissioner. He and his family hold membership in the Catholic church and are well known in the community, in which they have spent their entire lives.

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Edwin M. Moore is among the prominent pioneer business men of Joliet, where he is vice president of the Barrett Hardware Company. He was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, Feb. 16, 1862, a son of Rev. Edwin Gaylord and Sarah Almira (Downs) Moore.

Rev. Edwin Gaylord Moore was born in Avon, N. Y., and for many years was pastor of churches in Western New York and Ohio. In 1864 the family moved to Wilmington, Will County, Ill., where he preached for four years. He was one of the pioneer ministers of the Third Presbyterian Church, at Ashland and Ogden Avenues, Chicago. He moved from Wilmington to Gardner, Ill., in 1868, and to Joliet in the fall of 1869. Owing to the loss of his voice he engaged for a time in the shoe business, his shop being located at 24 Jefferson Street. In 1888 he moved to St. Joseph, Mo., where he built a Presbyterian Church when he was 75 years of age. He died at Granada, Minn., Feb. 20, 1907, aged 89 years. He is buried at Hersman, Ill. In politics he was a staunch Republican.

Sarah Almira Downs, who was born in New York City, was a direct descendant of Governor William Bradford, who came over in the Mayflower. She died March 11, 1894, and is buried at Hersman, Ill. To Rev. Edwin Gaylord and Sarah Almira (Downs) Moore five children were born. 1. Ida Gould, for several years a teacher in the Broadway school, Joliet, married Dr. W. H. Gaugh. She died in 1923 and is buried in Granada, Minn., where Dr. Gaugh still resides. 2. William Sturgis, died





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at the age of seven, is buried in Wilmington, Ill. 3. Marian Sinclair, a teacher in the Joliet schools for many years, married Arthur A. Hargrave, and they were missionaries at Oroomiah, Persia, now reside at Rockville, Ind. 4. Edwin M., the subject of this sketch. 5. Anna Upham, married Harry Van Deventer, of Hersman, Ill. She died Jan. 9, 1896, and is buried at Hersman.

Edwin M. Moore attended the public schools of Joliet, his education being supplemented by private training at home, his parents being well educated. At the age of 14 he began his business career with the Adams Wire Mills, doing shop work, and remained with this concern for three years. His next work was for Mr. Ladd, whose location at that time was where the present Boston Store now stands. He received \$2.00 per week, but at the end of a month left to accept \$3.00 a week with the Barrett Hardware Company. His work consisted of sweeping floors, cleaning lamps, blacking stoves, and driving delivery wagon. He remained with this firm from 1879 until 1884, when he resigned his position to go with the Holmes & Cady Hardware Company. In 1890 he returned to the Barrett Hardware Company and became the manager for the company, and has been vice president for over 30 years. He deserves much commendation for having forged his own way to success in the business world.

On Oct. 26, 1887, Mr. Moore was married to Miss Harriet Hinman, who was born in Nova Scotia, June 14, 1868. She was the adopted daughter of D. W. and Martha Hinman. Mr. Hinman was a veteran of the Civil War. Mr. and Mrs. Moore were the parents of four children: 1. Hinman Raymorth, born Oct. 13, 1889. He is now associate state manager of the Inter Ocean Casualty Company, Joliet, married Esther Wray, and they have two children: Robert Wray, and Harriet Ann. Hinman Raymorth Moore enlisted for service during the World War, at Joliet, Dec. 7, 1917, and was sent to Columbus Barracks. He was later transferred to Camp Grant, and assigned to the Ordnance Department, and from there went overseas July 8, 1918. He was discharged from the service July 22, 1919, at Camp Mills, L. I., with the rank of ordnance sergeant. 2. Helen Moore, born July 15, 1891, married Welcome L. Dowd, manager of the O. D. Larson Company, distributors of Packard automobiles, Joliet. They have three children: Edwin Fayette, high school student, and member of high school band; Robert Gaylord, and Genevieve Maurine. 3. Genevieve Downs Moore was born March 5, 1896. She married Kyle M. Waite, electrical contractor, Twin Falls, Idaho. They have an adopted son, Richard. 4. Edwin Eldred Moore, born

June 23, 1900, operates a stock farm of 155 acres at Wilton Center. He married Iva A. Ruhlander, and they have two children: William Downs, and Anita. Mrs. Moore died Feb. 14, 1896, and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Joliet.

Mr. Moore is a member of the Presbyterian Church, having joined that denomination in 1877. He has served as ruling elder for many years, and is now a deacon of the church. Politically Mr. Moore is a Republican, and is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Loyal Order of Moose. He resides at the home in which he was married at 309 Sherman Street, Joliet, Ill.

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**M. F. Stone**, who has served as superintendent of Taft School, Lockport, since 1920, is a veteran of the World War and one of the prominent educators of Will County. He was born at Millstadt, Ill., Jan. 24, 1893, the son of Z. T. and Mary I (Boyle) Stone.

Z. T. Stone came to Illinois from Pennsylvania early in life and settled at Millstadt, where he was well known as a school teacher. He died in 1910 and is buried at O'Fallon, Ill. His widow, a native of Iowa, lives at Lockport with her son, M. F. Stone. There were nine children in the Stone family, as follows: Albert E., deceased, was a Spanish War veteran; Alice L., married Fred W. Boettcher, lives at Belleville, Ill.; Sarah I., married Herman Boettcher, lives at St. Louis, Mo.; John W., died in infancy; Ada, married William Duncan, lives in Idaho; Ida, married Benjamin Duncan, lives in Idaho; Martha M., married Virgil Harrell, lives at Granite City, Ill.; William C., a World War veteran, lives at Lockport; and M. F., the subject of this sketch.

M. F. Stone spent his boyhood at O'Fallon, Ill., and following his graduation from high school in 1910 attended McKendree College, at Lebanon and the University of Southern Illinois at Carbondale. He attended the Harris Teachers College at St. Louis, Mo., and the Chicago Normal College. He began teaching school in 1910 near Mascoutah, Ill., and later was located at Shiloh, Ill. He taught for three years at Lebanon, Ill., and was then principal of the school at Worden, Ill., and later superintendent for two years. He has held his present responsible position at Lockport since 1920.

During the World War Mr. Stone enlisted at Edwardsville, Ill., Sept. 4, 1917, and was sent to Camp Taylor, Kentucky, where he was assigned to Company A, 333rd Infantry. He was later transferred to the air

service, Dec. 5, 1917, and stationed in Texas. He sailed for France, July, 1918, and after service was discharged at Camp Grant, Ill., July 12, 1919.

Mr. Stone is a member of the Masonic Lodge and also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Modern Woodmen of America. He is exceedingly popular and well liked in the community. Mr. Stone is the oldest school superintendent of Will County in point of service.

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**Frank Miller.**—One of the progressive business men of Lockport is Frank Miller, who is identified with the Miller Hardware Company. He was born in this city, Oct. 27, 1873, the son of Henry and Mary (Schott) Miller.

Henry Miller was born in Germany and was four years of age when his parents came to this country and settled in Will County. Later he went to California during the gold rush but returned after several years to Lockport. Mr. Miller conducted a draying business here for a number of years, being the first man in this section of the county to engage in that particular line. He was a Republican, a member of the German Lutheran Church, and belonged to the Masonic Lodge, 33rd degree. His widow, now 86 years of age, lives on the old homestead in Lockport. There were two sons born to Mr. and Mrs. Miller: Charles, who died in 1919; and Frank, the subject of this sketch.

Frank Miller was educated in the schools of Lockport and began his business career with O'Connell & Sloan, in whose employ he remained for five years. He then went with C. H. Adams, hardware merchant, for five years and in 1903, in partnership with Henry Landon, purchased the hardware business of Frank Sloan. The firm was known as Miller & Landon until 1915, at which time Mr. Miller purchased the interests of Mr. Landon, who died during that year. The Miller Hardware Company, located at State and 10th Streets, is one of the pioneer business houses of Will County and has built up an extensive trade through its many years of contact with the business life of Lockport. Besides a general hardware line they are dealers in stoves and plumbing and heating supplies. Associated in business with Mr. Miller are his three sons, William, Joseph and Francis.

In 1920 the Miller Hardware Company became the local agency for the products of the Winchester Company, manufacturers of guns and ammunition, and they are also dealers for the Moore Stove Manufactur-

ing Company, Chi-Namel Paint Company, and the New Principle Washer, and Maytag Washer.

On Sept. 27, 1899, Mr. Miller was united in marriage with Miss Clara Gardner, of Lockport, born in September, 1876, the daughter of William H. and Mary Ann (Cowan) Gardner, natives of Ireland and early settlers of Lockport. Mr. Gardner died Feb. 1, 1914, and his wife died in 1916. Both are buried in the Lockport Cemetery. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Miller, as follows: Joseph Charles, born Dec. 8, 1900; William H., born May 31, 1902; Mary Gardner, born in 1904; Margaret, born in 1906; and Francis, born in 1908. All live at home.

Mr. Miller has always been a Republican, and has held several public offices including that of town clerk of Lockport and alderman. He is a member of the Catholic Church and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, and Modern Woodmen of America. He and his family have a wide acquaintance in the community and are widely known throughout Will County.

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**George C. Sprague** is a veteran of the World War and one of the most prominent young business men of Lockport, where he is president of the Sprague Dairy Company. He was born on the old Sprague homestead in Lockport Township, July 22, 1896, the son of Frank and Florence Estelle (Tripp) Sprague.

The Sprague family settled in Lockport Township during the early days, Thomas Jefferson Sprague, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, having purchased 400 acres of government land. He came to Will County from Orchard Park, N. Y. His son, Frank, became one of the successful dairy farmers of this section and was also interested in the stone business for many years. At the time of his death, Dec. 24, 1922, he was the owner of 700 acres of land. Mr. Sprague was a Republican, a member of the Universalist Church, and belonged to the Modern Woodmen of America. His wife, a native of Lockport Township, died June 10, 1923. They are buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Joliet Township. To Mr. and Mrs. Sprague the following children were born: Olive, a graduate of the University of Illinois, married B. W. Winship, who is superintendent of the Bethlehem Steel Plant, at Steelton, Pa.; Villa May, a graduate of the University of Illinois, married J. P. Stout, farmer, lives near Chatham, Ill.; Elizabeth Elsie, married W. G. Clark, lives at Carthage, Ill.; Charles, real estate, lives at Michigan City, Ind.; Philip,

a veteran of the World War, graduate of Beloit College, president of the Joseph Hays Corporation, Michigan City, Ind.; George C., the subject of this sketch; and Alice, a graduate of Illinois University, married Irvin Funk, grain dealer, Streator, Ill.

George C. Sprague was educated in the public schools of Lockport and was graduated from Joliet Township High School in 1914. He was graduated in agriculture from the University of Illinois in 1920. On Oct. 29, 1918, he enlisted for service during the World War and was sent to Camp Raleigh, N. C., and later to Camp Green, where he was assigned to Company B, 307th Battalion, U. S. Tank Corps.

Mr. Sprague has always been interested in the dairy business and in January, 1921, established his business at 410 West Jefferson Street. He purchased the route of Iver Olsen, and formed a partnership with Frank Milne, also purchasing the milk business and bottling plant of Putnam Milne. In April, 1926, the modern dairy plant at 704 Madison Street was occupied, and on Nov. 1, 1927, Mr. Sprague purchased the interest of his partner. He serves over 1,000 families in Joliet and Lockport with milk and cream, and also handles other high grade dairy products.

On Oct. 11, 1922, Mr. Sprague was united in marriage at Tipton, Iowa, with Miss Irma Marie Craven, who was born at Nashville, Tenn., April 13, 1898. They have a daughter, Norma Craven, born in Joliet, Sept. 23, 1924.

Mr. Sprague is a Republican, a member of the Universalist Church and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge. He is active in local affairs and is a member of the Board of Trustees of Lockport Township, having been appointed to fill the unexpired term of his father. He was later reelected to this office for a three year term.

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**William P. Volz**, postmaster of Lockport, represents one of the prominent and respected families of Will County. He was born at Lockport, Nov. 23, 1885, the son of Henry and Elizabeth (Dillman) Volz.

Henry Volz, deceased, was a native of Germany. At an early age he emigrated to the United States and settled in New York City, but later removed to Lockport, where he spent many years in the employ of Sangar & Moody, contractors. He was a stone cutter by trade. After his retirement Mr. Volz lived at Winner, S. D., where he died Aug. 15, 1925. He was a Republican and a member of the German Lutheran

Church. His wife was also a native of Germany. She died June 14, 1928. To Mr. and Mrs. Volz were born six children, as follows: William P., the subject of this sketch; Harry, lives in South Dakota; Alvina, married Harry Robertson, lives at Winner, S. D.; Clara, married Jacob Mechaley, lives at Casper, Wyo.; Charles, lives at Des Moines, Iowa; and Walter J., lives at Lockport. He is a veteran of the World War, having served in France with the 131st Depot Brigade, Rainbow Division.

William P. Volz was educated in the public schools of Lockport. He was interested in the news and confectionary business in this city from 1905 until 1927, at which time he was appointed postmaster.

On April 30, 1917, Mr. Volz was married to Mrs. Anna Cook, of Lockport. She has a son, Farrell Cook, who was born March 16, 1912.

Mr. Volz is a Republican, a member of the Catholic Church, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus and the Loyal Order of Moose.

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George W. Adelmann, of Lockport, is one of the representative business men and leading citizens of Will County, where he has spent his entire life. He was born at Lockport, July 25, 1862, the son Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Adelmann.

Christopher Adelmann, deceased, was a native of Bavaria, Germany. Early in life he emigrated to the United States and settled at Lockport, where he followed his trade as a stone cutter and mason. He built the first residence in this city, which is still standing. Mr. Adelmann became a successful business man and at the time of his death in 1882 was one of the largest land owners in the county. His wife is also deceased and they are buried in St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, Lockport. Mr. Adelmann was a staunch Republican. There were six children in the Adelmann family, as follows: Jane, the widow of William Stalter, lives at Joliet; Mary, married Anthony Schall, both deceased; Peter, lives at Joliet; Charles, deceased; Frances, married Frank Scheidt, lives at Joliet; and George W., the subject of this sketch.

George W. Adelmann received his education in the South Lockport School, and began life as a farmer. He has always maintained his interest in agriculture and is an extensive breeder of Chester White hogs. He owns large tracts of land in Homer and Lockport Townships, and ranks among the leading stockmen of Will County. For the past 33 years Mr. Adelmann has conducted a livery business at Lockport and he has also owned a funeral establishment in this city since 1908.



On June 21, 1881, Mr. Adelmann was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Schall, who was born at Lockport, Dec. 31, 1863, the daughter of Edward and Mary (Wagner) Schall, the former a native of France and the latter of Canton, Ohio. Mr. Schall came to America during the early days and was a leading pioneer of Will County, being interested in the canals of this section. He died Dec. 10, 1877, and is buried in the South Lockport Cemetery. His widow, now 88 years of age, resides in Joliet. There were two children: Edward J., who is deceased; and Catherine Adelmann. To George W. and Catherine (Schall) Adelmann were born five children: Stella, born Jan. 10, 1883, lives at home, she is an assistant to her brother, Howard J., in the automobile business at Lockport; Walter, born Oct. 4, 1885, died Jan. 15, 1926; William, born Jan. 28, 1888, died Dec. 11, 1897; Marie, born Oct. 29, 1889, married in 1912 to Wilbur Harpham, lives at Lockport and they have a daughter, Doris Marie, born Aug. 16, 1918; and Howard J., born Nov. 19, 1893. He has the agency in Lockport for the Hudson and Essex automobiles and is a prominent young business man of the city. He served throughout the World War, having enlisted in June, 1917. He was connected with the Medical Corps and attached to an army hospital in Philadelphia. Mr. Adelmann was married Nov. 5, 1917, to Miss Margaret O'Brien, of Lockport, and they have two children: Howard J., Jr., born June 20, 1919; and Marigene, born Nov. 8, 1920.

George W. Adelmann is a member of the Catholic Church and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, Knights of Pythias, and Holy Name Society. He has a wide acquaintance in the community and a host of friends.

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**Rev. Charles Murphy.**—Prominent among the leading men of Lockport is Father Murphy, who is pastor of St. Dennis Catholic Church. He was born in Chicago, Aug. 10, 1889.

Father Murphy received his early education in Chicago and was graduated from St. Ignatius College in 1908. He then entered Niagara University, where he prepared for the priesthood. He was ordained in June, 1914, at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago. His first assignment was as assistant pastor of the Catholic Church at Oak Park, Ill., and he was appointed pastor of St. Dennis Church in April, 1927.

The Golden Jubilee of St. Dennis Church was celebrated Sunday, Oct. 9, 1927. A banquet was one of the important events in the jubilee

year program of the church, which was erected just 50 years ago. Rev. Charles Murphy presided as toastmaster and special addresses were given by Rev. James P. O'Donoghue, of Chicago, former pastor, and the Rev. Terrence Rice, of St. Viator's College, Kankakee, a former Lockport resident. A group of 20 visiting priests from various churches in Chicago, Joliet, Lemont, and other surrounding cities were present during the week of ceremonies and participated in the services. Monsignor Joseph Casey of Chicago, a former Lockport boy and member of the parish, preached the sermon at the feast of the patron saint of the church, St. Dennis. Bishop E. F. Hoban, of Chicago confirmed a class of 250 young people and adults.

Sacred Heart School is conducted in connection with St. Dennis Church, under the direction of the Sisters of Providence, the first mission in the Sisters taught in Illinois. It is located at Washington and Twelfth streets, Lockport.

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Fred L. Hasenjaeger, cashier of the Citizens Bank at Frankfort, Ill., and one of the most prominent pioneer citizens and substantial business men in Will County, was born in Greengarden Township, this county, March 19, 1854. He is a son of Frederick and Leisseta (Banger) Hasenjaeger, the former born Nov. 2, 1820, and the latter born March 28, 1834. Both were natives of Germany and were married in Richton, now Matteson, Ill.

Frederick Hasenjaeger emigrated to the United States in the spring of 1846, crossing the ocean taking 70 days. He went west as far as Chicago, and then to Bloomingdale, Cook County, Ill., where he worked on a farm for two years. In 1848 he removed to Greengarden Township, Will County, Ill. He carried a plow on his back from Lockport, Ill., to Greengarden Township. In 1850 he purchased a soldier's claim of 160 acres of land, which he cleared for cultivation. He was one of the first Germans to settle in Greengarden Township. He engaged in the dairy business, stock raising, and general farming. In 1878 he retired and removed to Frankfort, later removing to Chicago, Ill., where he lived until his death. Both he and his wife are deceased and are buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Chicago. He was a Republican, a member of the German Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he was a trustee. He also served as township collector. To Mr. and Mrs. Hasenjaeger four



MR. AND MRS. FRED L. HASENJAEGER



children were born: Fred L., the subject of this sketch; Emma, married William Johnson, lives at Chicago; Elvina, married Edward Hardwick, Chicago; and Edward, deceased.

Fred L. Hasenjaeger was educated in the public schools of Greengarden Township. In the winters of 1868-69 he attended the Russell Bookkeeping College, Joliet, Ill. In 1872-73 he attended Baldwin-Wallace College, at Berea, Ohio. In 1878 he took over the management of his father's farm which he conducted until 1908, when he removed to his present home in Greengarden Township. Mr. Hasenjaeger was interested in the breeding of Percheron horses and in 1903 imported five thoroughbred Percheron horses from Rantoul, France. In 1924 his son, Fred C. Hasenjaeger, took over the old homestead. At that time Mr. Hasenjaeger gave all of his children a farm. In October, 1908, Mr. Hasenjaeger was appointed cashier of the Citizens Bank of Frankfort and has served in that capacity ever since. He is also a director of the bank.

On Feb. 20, 1874, Mr. Hasenjaeger was married to Miss Katherine Brandau, a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Boyley) Brandau, natives of Germany. Mr. Brandau was a veteran of the Civil War, and a pioneer farmer of Orland Township, Cook County, Ill. They are both deceased and are buried in Greengarden Township. To Mr. and Mrs. Hasenjaeger nine children were born: 1. Rose, Henry, Charles, and Ida, all deceased. 5. George, married Ida Krapt, and they have two children, Clinton and Marjorie. 6. Fred C., who resides on the old homestead, married Minnie Ross. 7. Milinda, married John Hiteman, dairyman and farmer, of Manhattan, and they have three children: Warren, Victor, and Blanche. 8. Matilda, married Edward Fuss, of Joliet. They have a daughter, Loleta. 9. Laura, married Harold C. Folkers, assistant cashier, Frankfort, and they have a son, William.

On Feb. 20, 1924, Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Hasenjaeger celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home.

Mr. Hasenjaeger has been active in the affairs of the Republican party and has served as a delegate to various conventions during the past fifty years. He was supervisor of Greengarden Township for 26 years, and treasurer of the Greengarden Fire Insurance Company for 32 years. Mr. Hasenjaeger brought about the extension of the Greengarden Fire Insurance Company, as a state farmer's insurance company, for 99 years. He is a member of the Illinois State Bankers Association and the National Bankers Association, and attends all the conventions

of these associations. He is also a member of Mount Joliet Lodge, A. F. & A. M. No. 42; and the Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. Hasenjaeger has the distinction of being the oldest male citizen of Greengarden Township. As a financier and as a citizen he is progressive and lends his support and influence to all movements that have as their aim the advancement of the community and of the great state of Illinois.

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**Citizens Bank of Frankfort.**—The present bank officers are: Frank Folkers, president; Otto B. Herschbach, vice president; and F. L. Hasenjaeger, cashier. The directors are: Frank Folkers, Otto B. Herschbach, F. L. Hasenjaeger, Jacob Feil, and George Elsner.

Statement of the bank as of Dec. 31, 1927. Resources: Cash, other cash resources, and due from banks, \$38,152.32; loans on collateral security, \$6,550.00; other loans, \$155,135.08; loans on real estate, \$87,170.00; overdrafts, \$380.12; banking house, furniture and fixtures, \$2,000.00. Total resources, \$289,387.52.

Liabilities: Capital stock, \$30,000.00; surplus, \$30,000.00; undivided profits, \$3,156.27; reserve accounts, \$15,000.00; demand deposits, \$76,251.33; time deposits, \$126,979.92; bills payable, \$5,000.00; dividends unpaid, \$3,000.00. Total liabilities, \$289,387.52.

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**F. S. Hutton** is among the prominent merchants of Lockport, where he has engaged in the wholesale and retail bakery business for the past 30 years. He was born at Lockport, Dec. 9, 1864, the son of John D. and Agnes (Prowse) Hutton.

John D. Hutton, deceased, was one of the earliest settlers of Will County. He was born at Oxford, England, and early in life came to the United States and settled at Lockport, where he followed his trade for many years as a wagon maker. He died Feb. 10, 1898, and his wife died Oct. 23, 1915. Both are buried in Lockport Cemetery. Mr. Hutton was a Republican and active in local public affairs. He held membership in the Methodist church. To Mr. and Mrs. Hutton were born three children: Harriet and Mary Adelaide, both deceased; and F. S., the subject of this sketch.

F. S. Hutton has always lived in Lockport. He attended the local public schools and for a time was employed in his father's wagon shop.

Later he engaged in the grocery business. His store was destroyed by fire in 1895 with a loss of \$10,000, and Mr. Hutton then became interested in the baking business. He has established an excellent trade throughout the community and ranks among the dependable business men of the community.

On June 27, 1888, Mr. Hutton was united in marriage with Miss Emma E. Miller, of Lockport, the daughter of Peter and Sophia M. (Brockman) Miller. Mr. Miller was born in Germany, May 3, 1836, and his wife was a native of Pennsylvania, born Feb. 22, 1843. They were early settlers of Lockport and the parents of the following children: Catherine M., married Fred Worst, lives at Lockport; Henry, deceased; Phillip, lives in Chicago; Carrie, deceased; Emma E. Hutton; and Louise L., lives at Lockport. Mr. Miller died Dec. 4, 1918, and his wife died March 6, 1920. Both are buried in the Lockport Cemetery. Two daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hutton: Florence H., born May 8, 1892, is a graduate of Lockport High School and the American Conservatory of Music, lives in Chicago, where she is a teacher of music; and Vera Louise, born Aug. 15, 1895, a graduate of Lockport High School and the Gregg Business College. She was married on June 30, 1914, to A. O. Belander, of Joliet, and they have a son, Francis Andrew, born in Joliet, April 6, 1925.

Politically, Mr. Hutton is a Republican. He has served as city treasurer and town clerk and is active in all local affairs. Mr. and Mrs. Hutton are members of the Christian Science Church of Joliet, and he belongs to the Masonic lodge, Modern Woodmen of America, and other fraternal organizations.

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**John O'Connell**, who is successfully engaged in the hardware business at Lockport, was born in this city, April 16, 1888, the son of William and Catherine (Dougherty) O'Connell.

William O'Connell, deceased, was for many years a well known resident of Lockport, being the founder of the hardware business which bears his name and which is now conducted by his son. He was born in Ireland and emigrated to the United States about 1873, locating in Ohio. Later, he came to Illinois and in 1888 engaged in business at Lockport. He was a Democrat and a member of the Catholic Church. Mr. O'Connell died in 1925 and his wife, who was born at Lockport, died in 1906. Both are buried in the Lockport Cemetery. To Mr. and

Mrs. O'Connell the following children were born: James, deceased; Margaret, married John Lawler, lives in Chicago; William, deceased; Mary, married Thomas Ryan, lives in Chicago; Daniel, deceased; John, the subject of this sketch; Frank, lives at Lockport; Bryan, deceased; and Joseph, lives at Lockport.

The education of John O'Connell was received in the parochial schools of Lockport and at an early age he became interested in his father's hardware business, which is located at 908 State Street. He is now in partnership with his brothers, Frank and Joseph O'Connell.

Mr. O'Connell is a Democrat and holds membership in the Catholic Church. He is unmarried.

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**James Donahue**, who lives retired at Lockport, is a highly esteemed citizen of Will County and a member of a well known pioneer family of this section. He was born at Lockport, Jan. 8, 1862, the son of James and Elizabeth (Breen) Donahue.

James Donahue emigrated to the United States from Ireland in December, 1848, and settled at Wheaton, Ill., where he was employed by Jesse Wheaton. Later he removed to Lockport, where he was employed in the flour mills. He was married Jan. 31, 1853, to Miss Elizabeth Breen, who was born in Ireland in 1825. To this union the following children were born: Lawrence, died February 10, 1927; Kyron, deceased; Mary, the widow of James Flavin, lives at Lockport; Elizabeth, the widow of James Cochran, lives at Lockport; James, the subject of this sketch; Sarah, married William King, both deceased; John, lives at Joliet; and William, who died at the age of 18 years. Mr. Donahue was a Democrat and a member of the Catholic Church. He died Oct. 7, 1899, and his wife died April 29, 1900. Both are buried in Lockport Cemetery.

James Donahue attended the public schools of Lockport and went to work in the stone quarries there when about 17 years of age. Later he was employed by J. L. Norton, who operated canal boats between Chicago and Lockport. He was also the owner of one of the largest paper and flour mills of the country. In 1884 Mr. Donahue became interested in professional baseball as a member of the Philadelphia league, and 1885 with the New York Metropolitans; the Kansas City Blues of the American Association in 1888, 1889 and 1890. In 1891 he became associated with Columbus, Ohio, team. In 1894 he wound up with Milwaukee. He



played in the position of catcher for the ten years of his professional baseball career. In 1894 he entered the retail liquor business in Lockport and continued in that line until 1919, when he retired from business.

On May 15, 1904, Mr. Donahue married Miss Caroline Waldvogel, who was born at Lockport, March 2, 1869. They have no children.

Politically, Dr. Donahue is a Democrat. He holds membership in the Catholic Church, and belongs to the Catholic Forresters and the Knights of Pythias.

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**John Mackin**, proprietor of the Mackin Motor Sales Company, is a representative citizen of Lockport, where he was born Oct. 14, 1860. He is the son of John and Margaret (Dunning) Mackin.

John Mackin, deceased, was a native of Ireland. He was among the earliest settlers of Lockport, where he was prominent in the work of the old Illinois and Michigan Canal, being a captain for Norton & Company. He died at the age of 92 years and his wife, also born in Ireland, died at the age of 74 years. Both are buried in the Lockport Cemetery. Mr. Mackin was a Democrat and a member of the Catholic Church. There were seven children in the Mackin family, as follows: Mary, married John Doyle, both deceased; Margaret, the widow of Daniel Whalen; James, lives at Omaha, Neb.; Harriet, deceased; John, the subject of this sketch; Thomas, deceased; and Helen, died in infancy.

John Mackin attended the public schools of Lockport and when 14 years old entered the employ of Norton & Company as a paper maker. He spent about 20 years with this firm and then became interested in the grocery business, which he followed for four years. He served as an officer at the Illinois State Penitentiary in Joliet under Warden Robert Allen and was later foreman for the Frankford Chair Company for six years and foreman for the Illinois Steel Company for four years. He was appointed postmaster of Lockport on Feb. 3, 1916, during the administration of President Woodrow Wilson and filled that office in a most efficient manner until Sept. 1, 1928. During the summer of 1928 Mr. Mackin established his present business at 1025 State Street. He has an up-to-date garage and has already established a reputation as a dependable business man.

In 1887 Mr. Mackin was united in marriage with Miss Jennie F. Reid, of Lamont Township, Cook County, Ill., born Aug. 18, 1864. They have five children, as follows: Florence, married Albert Feeley, lives

at Lockport; Reid, general manager for the International Heating Company of Utica, N. Y., is a World War veteran, married Miss May McCarthy of Chicago, and they have a daughter, Muriel June; Frank E., deceased, was a World War veteran, having served with the rank of first lieutenant, was the husband of Elizabeth Clyne; Maurice M., lives at Lockport, Ill.; and Lorain, who is associated with his father's business at Lockport.

Mr. Mackin has always been a Democrat. He is a member of St. Dennis Catholic Church and belongs to the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Order of Foresters. The family residence is at Hamilton and Fourteenth Streets.

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**George F. Scheibner**, well known as one of the most successful business men of Wilmington, is a native of this city and a member of one of the oldest families of Will County. He was born Oct. 11, 1870, the son of Edward and Matilda (Market) Scheibner.

Edward Scheibner came to the United States from Germany in 1863 and settled in Mokena, Ill. Later he removed to Wilmington, where he was prominent as a merchant for many years. He was a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Modern Woodmen of America. He died in 1908 and his wife died in 1880. Both are buried in the cemetery at Wilmington. They were the parents of the following children: George F., the subject of this sketch; Elizabeth, died at the age of 12 years; and Edward, lives at St. Louis, Mo.

The education of George F. Scheibner was obtained in the public schools of Wilmington and he has spent his entire life in this community. He has always been interested in the dry goods business and in 1894 opened his store on Water Street. He has established an excellent trade and ranks among the city's dependable merchants.

On Sept. 5, 1893, Mr. Scheibner was united in marriage with Miss Anna Hadsall, who was born at Wilmington, Oct. 9, 1870, the daughter of Ambros S. and Kitty (Townsend) Hadsall, the former a native of New York and the latter of Wisconsin. In 1869 the Hadsall family located at Wilmington, where Mr. Hadsall engaged in the hardware business for many years as a member of the firm of Tollington & Hadsall. In 1902 he became interested in the real estate business and was thus engaged at the time of his death, May 21, 1926. His wife was born June 6, 1846, and died Dec. 3, 1917. They are buried at Wilmington. To Mr. and

Mrs. Hadsall were born four children: Anna Scheibner; Harry H., civil engineer, lives in Chicago; Thomas and Bessie Louise, both deceased. Mr. Hadsall was a Republican and served as township treasurer for many years. He was a member of the Universalist Church and belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Masonic Lodge. Mr. and Mrs. Scheibner had one son who died in infancy. Before her marriage Mrs. Scheibner was a teacher in the public schools of Wilmington.

Politically, Mr. Scheibner is a Republican. He holds membership in the Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge and Modern Woodmen of America. Both he and his wife are highly esteemed members of the community in which they have lived for so many years.

Mr. Scheibner has been a member of the volunteer fire department over 30 years—and at its reorganization in 1916 was made assistant fire chief, and in 1924 became chief of the department. He is also one of the organizers of the Wilmington Golf Club.

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Elial S. Brunson, deceased, was widely known throughout Will County. He was born at Lockport, April 22, 1835, the son of Cyrus and Harriet (Scudder) Brunson.

Cyrus Brunson was one of the first settlers of Lockport, having located here in 1833. He was born in Connecticut, and after several years spent in New York removed to Will County. He made the trip by horse and wagon and after his arrival at Lockport purchased a tract of 300 acres, where he erected a log cabin. Later he built a stone house on the land which is still standing. Elial S., the subject of this sketch, was the only child born to Mr. and Mrs. Brunson.

Elial S. Brunson was the first male child born at Lockport. He attended the district school and throughout his life was interested in general farming and stock raising. He specialized in the breeding of sheep. Mr. Brunson was the owner of 210 acres of land in DuPage County. He died in 1907 and is buried in Lockport Cemetery.

On Dec. 29, 1859, Mr. Brunson married Miss Elizabeth Alden, who was born in Oneida County, N. Y., March 15, 1835, the daughter of Simeon and Mary (Campbell) Alden. Mr. Alden was born at Stamford, Conn., July 22, 1800, and was an early settler of New York. He came to Illinois in 1846 and settled in Chicago, but later removed to DuPage County, Ill., in 1853. He died in August, 1890, and his wife, who was

born at Rome, N. Y. in 1807, died in 1883. They are buried in the cemetery at Barbers Corners, Dupage County. They had the following children: Marietta, Amanda, Ann Eliza, Ellen and Welcome S., all deceased; and Elizabeth Brunson.

Elizabeth Alden Brunson was educated in the schools of New York and Chicago, and in 1850 was graduated from the Hathaway private school in Chicago. For many years she was a teacher in the public schools of Chicago and later was connected with the schools of Dupage County.

Mr. Brunson was a Republican, a member of the Congregational Church and belonged to the Masonic Lodge. His widow, one of the most highly esteemed pioneer women of the county, lives at 1104 Madison Avenue, Lockport. She has always been a Republican and holds membership in the Congregational Church.

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Fred H. Fritz—Among the successful business men of Joliet, Ill., is Fred H. Fritz, who is a leading sausage manufacturer. He was born in Reutte Baden, Germany, April 21, 1862, a son of Frank and Mary (Blume) Fritz.

Both Frank Fritz and his wife were natives of Germany. He was engaged in the grocery business, conducted a small farm, and later engaged in the cafe and restaurant business. He was a prominent man in the community. Both he and his wife are buried in Reutte Baden. They were the parents of the following children: 1. John, deceased, buried in Germany. 2. Josephine, the widow of Benjamin Miller, lives at Norwalk, Ohio. 3. Matt, born April 22, 1850, at Reutte Baden, deceased, buried in Monroeville, Ohio. He came to the United States in 1870, first locating at Erie, Pa. Jan. 6, 1871, he removed to Monroeville, Ohio, where he married Miss Frances Frey, and became a well known citizen of that place. 4. Ida, deceased, buried in Zurich, Switzerland. 5. Donald, resides at Reutte Baden. 6. Helen, died in 1927, and is buried at Reutte Baden. 7. Joseph, deceased, buried at Lake Constance, Germany. 8. Anthony, lives at Monroeville, Ohio. 9. Elizabeth, lives at Reutte Baden. 10. Fred H., the subject of this sketch.

Fred H. Fritz attended the public schools in Germany and on Nov. 1, 1876 went to Zurich, Switzerland, to learn the meat business, where he worked for two and one-half years for his board. He then worked in different cities in Switzerland. In 1882 he came to the United States,



FRED H. FRITZ



working for a short time in New York, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Ohio, Toledo, Cincinnati, and Chicago, where he worked at the meat trade. On Sept. 26, 1887 he came to Joliet and worked for Kiep Brothers five years. In 1892 he returned to Chicago, where he was manager of the Louis Lutz meat establishment, one of the largest markets in Chicago. He was foreman at the Hammond Packing Company sausage department, Hammond, Ind., afterward returning to Kiep Brothers. He also worked for the J. C. Adler Company in Joliet. With John B. Stein as a partner they engaged in the sausage manufacturing business, which was the first of its kind in Joliet. He later sold his interest to Mr. Stein and engaged in business under his own name in the old Robinson Hall, on Joliet Street. This hall was burned in January, 1908, and Mr. Fritz located his business at 209 South Joliet Street, where he has conducted the sausage manufacture ever since. Mr. Fritz has the reputation of being the best sausage maker in the city of Joliet and also throughout the surrounding country. He is known throughout the United States as a leader in this industry.

In 1895 Mr. Fritz was united in marriage with Miss Freda Schmid, a daughter of Joseph Schmid, a native of Tyrol, Austria. To Mr. and Mrs. Fritz three children have been born: Elsie, married Arthur Josephson, with the Nash Motor Company, Joliet; Stella, a graduate of St. John's Commercial School, stenographer and bookkeeper for her father; and Alma, married Milton Wunderlich, lives in Joliet.

Mr. Fritz is a Democrat and a member of St. John's German Catholic Church. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the B. P. O. Elks, No. 296; Loyal Order of Moose, No. 300; Modern Woodmen of America; Catholic Order of Forresters; and the Joliet Rivals Club. The family residence is at 607 Buell Avenue.

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William H. MacDonald, Jr., is a well known resident and successful business man of Lockport, where he was born Jan. 1, 1883. He is the son of William H. and Caroline (Ernst) MacDonald.

William H. MacDonald, one of the most successful building contractors of Will County, is a native of DuPage Township. Early in life he located at Lockport, where he has been interested in the contracting and painting business for many years. He is a Democrat, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife, who was born at Cairo, Ill., died Aug. 12, 1922,

and is buried in the Lockport Cemetery. To Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald were born seven children, as follows: Gale, deceased; William H., Jr., the subject of this sketch; Caroline, married Earl Spangler, lives in Lockport Township, Will County; Earl C., lives at Lockport; Ivan, lives at Joliet; Violet, married John Debr, lives at Lockport; and Clifton, lives at Joliet, is a veteran of the World War, having served with the United States Navy.

William H. MacDonald, Jr., attended the public schools of Lockport and early in life became associated with his father's business. Since 1922 he has also conducted a confectionery business at 1026 State Street. He has an attractive store and a well established trade.

On Oct. 2, 1923, Mr. MacDonald was married to Miss Alice Martin, of Will County.

Mr. MacDonald is a Democrat.

During the World War Mr. MacDonald volunteered for service and was stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station throughout the duration of the war.

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**David A. Pesavento**, who is successfully engaged in the shoe business at Lockport, where he conducts the David Shoe Store, is a veteran of the World War and one of the highly esteemed young men of Will County. He was born at Lockport, March 12, 1895, the son of John and Catherine Pesavento.

John Pesavento came to this country from Italy in 1888 and was among the earliest settlers to locate at Lockport. He has been in the employ of the Illinois Steel Company for 30 years and is favorably known in the community where he has spent so many years. He is a Republican and a member of the Catholic Church. There were nine children born to Mr. and Mrs. Pesavento, as follows: Mary, married Julius Rossetto, lives at Lockport; David A., the subject of this sketch; John and Joseph, twins, live at home; Antoinette, married Patrick McCarthy, lives in Lockport; Edith, married James Higgins, lives at Lockport; Victor, a teacher of music, lives at home; Frank, died at the age of nine years; and Edith, died in infancy.

David A. Pesavento received his education in the public schools of Lockport and attended Metropolitan Business College. He was among the first young men from Lockport to enlist in service during the World War and was sent to Camp Dodge, Iowa, where he was assigned



to the 138th Infantry, 35th Division. He served in France and was severely wounded during the battle of the Argonne, on Sept. 26, 1918. He was discharged from the service, Feb. 7, 1919, and returned to Lockport. His first business venture was in January, 1927, when he established his present business at Lockport. Mr. Pesavento handles high grade merchandise and already has met with success in his new enterprise.

In August, 1921, Mr. Pesavento was married to Miss Margaret Vota, of South Wilmington, Ill., born Aug. 27, 1901. They have a daughter, Margaret Lorraine, born Dec. 9, 1922.

Mr. Pesavento is a Republican in politics and in 1924 was a candidate for county highway commissioner of Will County. Mr. Pesavento holds membership in St. Dennis Catholic Church.

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Edward T. Winkler is a successful merchant and progressive citizen of Lockport, where he has engaged in the grocery business for the past 27 years. He was born here Feb. 2, 1866, the son of Frederick and Elizabeth (Burkhardt) Winkler.

Frederick Winkler came to the United States from Germany, where he was born, in 1858, and settled at Lockport, Will County. He was a stone mason by trade and his first work in this city was in the building of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1858. He was also employed during the building of the Illinois State Prison at Joliet. He died March 17, 1915, and his wife, also a native of Germany, died Oct. 14, 1924. Both are buried in the Lockport Cemetery. Mr. Winkler was a charter member of the Evangelical Church. There were ten children in the Winkler family, three of whom survive: Fred O., a farmer, lives in Kansas; Charles, farmer, lives in Will County; and Edward T., the subject of this sketch.

Edward T. Winkler has always lived at Lockport. He attended the public schools and for several years was employed in this city as a grocery clerk. In 1901, in partnership with his brother, he organized his present business, which has since been known as Winkler Brothers. It is located on East Ninth Street, and is one of the finest business establishments in the city. Mr. Winkler has been a director of the First National Bank since its organization in 1907.

On April 9, 1890, Mr. Winkler married Miss Bertha M. Loehlin, who was born in Chicago, Nov. 17, 1866, the daughter of Gotlieb and Mary

(Yirfitz) Loehlin, natives of Germany, and early settlers of Chicago. Mr. Loehlin was a teacher and died in Chicago at the age of thirty years. His widow, now aged 86 years, lives at Portland, Ore. They had three children: Herman, lives at Minneapolis, Minn.; Henry, deceased; and Bertha M. Winkler. To Mr. and Mrs. Winkler were born two children: Estella, married Edward Speaker, lives at Lockport; and Clinton, a graduate of the University of Illinois, now employed by the Armour Packing Company in Chicago as an accountant. He lives at home.

Mr. Winkler is an active member of the Evangelical Church of Joliet. He has been an alderman of Lockport for several years.

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C. J. Luther is among the highly successful and widely known business men of Wilmington, where he was engaged in farming for 30 years and the coal and grain business for the past two years. He was born on the Luther homestead, near Wilmington, April 4, 1879, the son of Frederick Augustus and Mary E. (Thomas) Luther.

Frederick Augustus Luther was born in Rockdale Township, Kankakee County, Ill., in 1855, and was ten years old when his family removed to Will County. He was the owner of "Bonnie View Farm" and ranked among the prosperous farmers of Wilmington Township. He was a Republican and a member of the Swedenborg Church. He died Jan. 28, 1921, and is buried at Wilmington. His widow removed from the homestead to Wilmington in 1923. She was born in England in 1856. Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Luther; C. J., the subject of this sketch; and John Henry, deceased.

C. J. Luther was educated in the public schools of Wilmington and following his graduation from high school he attended college at Urbana, Ohio, from which he received his degree in 1900. He began farming then on the old homestead, which he now owns. Mr. Luther became interested in the coal and grain business at Wilmington in 1927 and throughout the years has established an excellent business. He is also vice president of the Will County Farm Bureau and for four years was president of the Will County Farmers Institute.

On Jan. 8, 1901, Mr. Luther was united in marriage with Miss Blanche Magrew, of Westville, Ohio, born Oct. 8, 1878, the daughter of L. W. and Mary (Harwood) Magrew, residents of Westville. They have four children: Blanche Luther; Nellie, married George McCracken, lives at Akron, Ohio; Bertha, married T. E. Russell, lives at Columbus, Ohio;

and Pearl, married Harry Pemberton, lives at Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Magrew is a Democrat, a member of the Universalist Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias. Before his retirement he was engaged in general farming near Westville, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Luther have two children; Julius Magrew, born May 19, 1906, attends the University of Illinois; and Mary Zelinda, born Feb. 11, 1912, attends Wilmington High School.

Mr. Luther is a Republican and a member of the board of directors of the Methodist Church. He belongs to the Masonic Lodge and Knights of Pythias. He is also chairman of the local Red Cross.

The Luther family may be traced as far back as 1645, at which time John S. Luther was killed in Delaware Bay by the Indians.

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**James W. McIntyre**, deceased, was esteemed throughout Will County as an honored pioneer resident of Wilmington Township, where he has spent practically his entire life. He was born in Fulton County, New York, Oct. 11, 1853, the son of Duncan and Lucinda (Hadsall) McIntyre.

Duncan McIntyre came to Illinois from Fulton County about 1856 and settled in Florence Township, Will County, where he purchased the Potts farm. Two years later he met with an accidental death while engaged in building his house. His wife is also deceased, and they are buried in Star's Grove Cemetery, Will County. Mr. McIntyre was a member of the United Presbyterian Church. There were seven children in the McIntyre family, as follows: Daniel, John, Thomas R., Anna, and Margaret, all deceased; Archibald D., retired, lives at Wilmington; and James W., the subject of this sketch. He died July 12, 1928.

James W. McIntyre attended Fairfield Seminary in New York State. At an early age he became interested in farming and stock raising, and for more than half a century ranked among the leading agriculturists of Will County, being the owner of 320 acres of land in Wilmington Township. Since the time of his retirement 17 years ago Mr. McIntyre had been a resident of Wilmington.

On Feb. 3, 1886, Mr. McIntyre married Miss Ida Wayne, who was born in Fulton County, New York, April 20, 1861, the daughter of John and Angeline (Brower) Wayne, both deceased. They are buried at Broadalbin, N. Y. Mr. Wayne was a brother of Capt. Thomas Wayne, who served throughout the Civil War. To Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre were born five children: Wayne, who died April 2, 1919; Lucille, a graduate of

Joliet Township High School and the New York Conservatory of Music, married Olie Osborne, lives at Wilmington, and they have two daughters, Isabel and Beatrice; Dr. George, specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, and throat, Chicago, married Miss Zella Osborne, and they have a son, George, Jr.; James D., a graduate of Chicago University, engaged in the real estate and bond business at Joliet; married Miss Mildred Bigelow, and they have two sons: James, III, and Charles; and Margaret Ellen, a graduate of Decatur College, and James Milliken University, married E. M. Spence, manager of the office of the Decatur, Illinois, district of the New York Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Mr. McIntyre was a Republican, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, of which he had served as Elder for many years. He also belonged to the Masonic Lodge and Knights Templar. He served as director of the local school board.

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**James Aspel**, who is serving as policeman of Lockport, is a substantial and well known citizen of Will County. He was born in Dublin, Ireland, Aug. 10, 1865, the son of John and Catherine (McCarthy) Aspel.

John Aspel emigrated to the United States from Ireland with his family in 1867. He located at Joliet but shortly afterward removed to Dupage Township, Will County, where he was employed on the farm of Frank Lambert for four years. He then rented land and later became owner of a farm in Lockport Township. After his retirement he lived at Lockport, where he died in 1920. His widow, now 86 years of age, lives at Lockport. There were ten children in the Aspel family, as follows: James, the subject of this sketch; Julia, the widow of John Bannon, lives in Chicago; Mary, died at the age of 19 years; Margaret, married Thomas Homerding, lives at Mokena, Ill.; Laura, who died in 1928; Loran, twin brother of Laura, and mention of whom is made below; Peter, died May 4, 1928; Ella, married Paul Kentz, farmer, lives in Homer Township, Will County; Frank, lives in Chicago; and John, a farmer, lives at Congersville, Ill. Mr. Aspel was a Republican and a member of St. Dennis Catholic Church.

Loran Aspel was born in Will County, Jan. 4, 1875. Throughout his business career he engaged in the express business at Lockport. He died Jan. 8, 1919. He was married Jan. 22, 1901, to Miss Grace Cleveland, of Lemont, Ill., born Nov. 11, 1877. They had three children: 1. Loran, Jr., born Sept. 25, 1902, a teacher in the public schools

of Chicago. He was married Sept. 18, 1926, to Miss Marian Spangler, who was born at Plainfield, Ill., March 22, 1901. 2. Florence, born Jan. 29, 1906, a teacher in the schools of Lockport. 3. Gladys, born Oct. 12, 1911, a student.

James Aspel received his education in the public schools of Plainfield Township, and engaged in general farming until 1920. He specialized in the breeding of horses and was a feeder of stock. He owned 240 acres of land in North Dakota, which he sold in 1913, having gone to North Dakota in the spring of 1910, and returned to Lockport Township, Will County in 1912, where he farmed one year. He farmed eight years in New Lenox Township and in 1920, Mr. Aspel removed to Lockport where he served as city engineer for two years. In October, 1927, he was appointed city policeman. He served as tax collector of New Lenox Township for one term, and was appointed assessor to fill the unexpired term of Willis Morris, and was elected assessor for the township and served during the years of 1920, 1921 and 1922. He served as a member of the school board of Homer Township for 12 years and nine years in New Lenox Township. He is prominent in all local affairs.

On Nov. 26, 1890, Mr. Aspel married Miss Mary Rhames, who was born in Homer Township, Will County, Aug. 7, 1872, the daughter of Herman and Mary Rhames, natives of Germany, and the parents of the following children: Henry, lives in North Dakota; Lillie, the widow of Nathaniel Boyce, lives in Homer Township, Will County; George, died at the age of 21 years; Kate, the widow of George Bastian, lives at Peoria, Ill.; Herman, lives at Mott, N. D.; and Mary Aspel. Mr. Rhames died in 1872, and his wife died in 1904. They are buried in Brook Cemetery, Homer Township. There are seven children in the Aspel family, as follows: 1. Frank, born Oct. 18, 1891, married Bertha Marti, and they have two children: Lois, born April 25, 1915, and Eugene, born Jan. 11, 1925. They live at Joliet. 2. Howard Joseph, born Sept. 8, 1893, married Agnes Jungles, and they have two children: Dorothy Marie, born Sept. 13, 1921, and Frances K., born in 1922. They live at Lockport. He is a veteran of the World War, having served as a member of Company D, 37th Infantry. 3. Alice M., born Oct. 27, 1895, married John Jungles, farmer, and they have three children: Donald, born July 3, 1920; Edward, born in 1923; and Ralph, born Dec. 28, 1925. They live at Blue Island, Ill. 4. Edward J., born July 29, 1897, lives at home. 5. Agnes, born March 22, 1899, lives at home. 6. Helen, born Oct. 29, 1905, died Feb. 26, 1907. 7. Mabel C., born Aug. 16, 1908, married Edmond Briscoe, and they have a daughter, Audrey Marie, born Nov.

24, 1927. They live at Joliet. 8. Edna Catherine, born Nov. 28, 1912, attends Lockport High School.

Mr. Aspel is a Republican, a member of St. Dennis Catholic Church, and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, and Catholic Order of Forresters.

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Charles W. Berger is a highly esteemed citizen and widely known business man of Joliet, where he is identified with the Berger Electrical Company. He was born in Iowa, Nov. 28, 1874, and spent his early life in that section. After completing his early schooling he attended the Heddington Business College at Mason City, Iowa, and later studied electrical work, at Ames, Iowa. He spent almost 12 years in the hardware business at Mason City, and was also connected with the White Glass Company, in charge of the advertising department. Shortly after his marriage in 1895 Mr. Berger came to Joliet, where he was connected with the business of A. Dinet & Company. He spent 11 years with that concern and was later with the Boston Store as window trimmer, stock man and advertising manager. He became interested in the electrical business in partnership with John Farrell, who is now proprietor of the Farrell Electrical Company, Van Buren Street. Since 1910 Mr. Berger has conducted his business in Joliet in the Arcade Building and No. 111 South Owatta Street and is now located at 212 Jefferson Avenue, where he specializes in electrical engineering and appliances. He also does contract work in the installation of power and light systems, some of his largest contracts being the Will County National Bank, Will County Farm, Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railroad locomotive shops in Joliet, Will County Court House, Beach Building, Chamber of Commerce, Joliet Township Auditorium, St. Raymond's Catholic Church and Parish, Boston Store, Bennett Store, Superior Wall Paper Company, and the Farrell Manufacturing Company.

In 1895 Mr. Berger was married to Miss Anna M. Forberg, of Mason City, Iowa. They have three children: Gladys, a teacher in the Broadway School, Joliet; Dorothy and Hazel, both students.

Politically Mr. Berger is identified with the Republican party. He is a member of the Richards Street Methodist Church and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, 32nd degree, having been eminent commander of Joliet Lodge, No. 4, during 1911 and 1912, and president of the Shriner's Club in 1923. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and for several years has been a leader in all branches of the



CHARLES W. BERGER





I. O. O. F. and auxiliaries. Since 1927 he has been president of Electric Contractors and Dealers of Northern Illinois. He is a member of the Elks Lodge, Loyal Order of Moose, Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Berger is also active in the Old Scouts Club, Will County Council Boy Scouts of America.

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**Henry Merkel, M. D.**—Ranking high among the successful young physicians and surgeons of Will County is Doctor Merkel, of Wilmington, who is a veteran of the World War. He was born at Baltimore, Md., May 1, 1891, the son of Henry and Emma (Heise) Merkel.

Henry Merkel is among the prominent business men of Baltimore, Md., where he has engaged in business for many years, being the owner of a marble and monumental works in that city. He was born in Germany and came to the United States when three years of age. He was the son of Anton Merkel, at one time mayor of the city of Allendorf in Germany. He lost his entire fortune during the Franco-Prussian War and shortly afterward came to America with his family and settled in Baltimore, Md. Henry Merkel is a Republican and a member of the Lutheran Church, being president of the church board. There were nine children born to Mr. and Mrs. Merkel, as follows: Henry, the subject of this sketch; Elsa, married Norman Schnepfe, lives at Edgewood, Md.; Gerhardt, lives in Baltimore, Md.; Ernst, is a veteran of the World War, lives in Baltimore, Md.; Fred, lives in Baltimore, Md.; Alvin, resides in Catonsville, Md.; Arthur, attends Johns Hopkin University; and Carl, also a student at Johns Hopkin University.

The early education of Henry Merkel was obtained in the public schools of Baltimore. He was graduated from Concordia College at Bronxville, N. Y., and in 1916 received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the University of Maryland. He served his internship at St. Joseph's Hospital in Baltimore and in August, 1917, volunteered for service in the World War. He was sent to Camp Stewart, Va., and in June, 1918, was commissioned as a first lieutenant and sent to France. Throughout the remainder of the war period he was attached to the Base Hospital at Brest, France. Upon his return to the United States Doctor Merkel was attached to the U. S. Base Hospital at Hampton, Va., where he served as assistant chief of medical service. He was discharged Sept. 16, 1919, and in November of that year came to Wilming-

ton, where he has established an excellent practice. Besides his extensive private practice he is a member of the staffs of Silver Cross and St. Joseph's hospitals. He is also identified with the Will County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association.

On July 31, 1919, Doctor Merkel was united in marriage with Miss Arline Spencer, who was born at Joliet, Nov. 19, 1896. They have no children.

Doctor Merkel is a Republican, a member of the Lutheran Church, and is identified with the American Legion, being past commander of Lester Smith Post No. 191, Wilmington.

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William J. Barrett is among the enterprising young business men of Lockport, where he is proprietor of a men's furnishing store at 920 State Street. He was born at Joliet, Sept. 9, 1893, the son of James and Julia (Lacey) Barrett.

James Barrett, retired, is a native of Joliet, born in that city in April, 1863. Throughout his active career he was employed by the Illinois Steel Company. He was married May 23, 1888, to Miss Julia Lacey, who was born in Joliet, June 8, 1865. They have the following children: Thomas, born June 4, 1889, a World War veteran, lives at Joliet; May, lives at home; Nell, lives at home; William J., the subject of this sketch; Edna, deceased; and James, Jr., lives at home. Mr. Barrett is a Democrat and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. He has lived retired since 1928.

William J. Barrett obtained his early schooling in the parochial schools of Joliet and in 1911 was graduated from Joliet Township High School. He began work as a foreman for the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railroad and remained in that company's employ until May 6, 1916, at which time he suffered the loss of his left arm and leg in an accident. Three years later he became interested in the clothing business in Joliet and conducted a business there until 1923, at which time he located in Lockport and established his present business.

On Jan. 15, 1923, Mr. Barrett married Miss Maud Miller, of Lockport, and they have a daughter, Patsy Ruth, born Nov. 3, 1923.

Mr. Barrett holds membership in the Catholic Church and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, Loyal Order of Moose, and Elks lodge.

**A. G. Leonard, Jr.**, a World War veteran, is one of the best known young business men of Will County, being secretary of the Orenda Corporation, manufacturers of roofing felts and box board. The factory is located on Water Street in Wilmington. Mr. Leonard was born in New York City, Oct. 5, 1898, the son of Arthur G. and Mary Jane (Ashley) Leonard.

The early schooling of A. G. Leonard, Jr., was obtained in the Armour Institute in Chicago. He then worked for the Mercury Manufacturing Company of Chicago, Ill., in which he is still interested. In 1924 he came to Wilmington, Ill., and was one of the organizers of the Orenda Corporation, of which he has since been secretary. The Orenda Corporation was organized in 1924 with the following officers: Arthur G. Leonard, president; E. A. Leonard, vice president and treasurer; and A. G. Leonard, Jr., secretary. They employ approximately 150 men and carry on a large volume of business annually.

Mr. Leonard was married in 1923 to Miss Doris Martin, of Chicago, Ill., and they have a daughter, Isabelle, born in Chicago, Dec. 26, 1925.

During the World War Mr. Leonard enlisted for service in the United States Navy and was stationed at the Great Lakes Training Station in Chicago.

Mr. Leonard is prominent in all civic affairs.

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**Fred Schmednecht** is one of the most prominent young business men of Wilmington, where he is manager of the I. N. R. Beatty Lumber Company plant. He was born at Tinley Park, Ill., Oct. 4, 1896, the son of Fred and Anna (Schuman) Schmednecht.

Fred Schmednecht, Sr., was born in Michigan and early in life removed to Cook County, Ill. In 1897 he became a member of the police force of Tinley Park and continued in that service until 1928, when he retired. He is a Republican and a member of the Lutheran Church. Mr. and Mrs. Schmednecht, who live at Tinley Park, are the parents of four children: Josephine, lives at home; Edward, lives at Blue Island, Ill., is a veteran of the World War, having served in France with the 131st Machine Gun Battalion; Fred, Jr., the subject of this sketch; and Elsie, married Elmer Brandau, farmer, lives at Tinley Park, Ill.

The education of Fred Schmednecht was obtained in the public schools of Tinley Park. Throughout his business career he has been identified with the I. N. R. Beatty Lumber Company. He began in 1916

as manager of the company's plant at Tinley Park and later was transferred to Morris, Ill., where he was connected with the general offices. In April, 1918, he volunteered for service in the World War and enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps at Quantico, Va. He was discharged in April, 1919, and returned to Wilmington as manager for the local plant of the I. N. R. Beatty Lumber Company.

Mr. Schmednecht is a Republican, a member of the Lutheran Church of Tinley Park, and he belongs to the Masonic lodge, Knights of Pythias, and American Legion, being sergeant at arms of Lester Smith Post No. 191, Wilmington.

Mr. Schmednecht is unmarried.

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**Arthur J. Ward.**—A substantial citizen and dependable business man of Wilmington is found in Arthur J. Ward, who has spent his entire life in Will County. He was born at Wilmington, Dec. 3, 1862, the son of Henry and Diana (Pratt) Ward.

Henry Ward was born in Norfolk County, England, Nov. 29, 1832. He came to this country in 1850 and settled in St. Lawrence County, N. Y., where he spent six years. Later he came to Illinois and settled in Peoria County. He removed to Will County in 1859 and purchased a farm in Florence Township, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was a Republican, and held the offices of township supervisor, assessor, and alderman of Wilmington. He held membership in the Episcopal Church of England, and belonged to the Masonic Lodge. He died Jan. 15, 1916, and his wife, who was born at Peoria, Ill., April 14, 1841, died Nov. 8, 1898. Both are buried in Star's Grove Cemetery, Florence Township. There were six children in the Ward family as follows: Myron H., retired, lives at Wilmington; Arthur J., the subject of this sketch; Julia, deceased, was the wife of J. M. Kleffman, Joliet; Mary, lives at Wilmington; Sarah, twin sister of Mary, died in infancy; and Carrie Florence, married G. W. Bush, lives at Joliet.

Arthur J. Ward attended the district schools of Florence Township and began life as a farmer. He operated a grain elevator at Wilmington for five years and was the owner of land in Custer and Wilmington townships. Besides his agricultural interests Mr. Ward is the owner of the City Flour Mills at Wilmington, which he purchased from R. D. Corbin, in June, 1928.

On Dec. 18, 1888, Mr. Ward married Miss Mary Dalzill, who was born in Scotland, July 11, 1862, the daughter of Benjamin and Jane (Mur-

dock) Dalzill. Mr. Dalzill brought his family to the United States from Scotland many years ago and settled at Braidwood, Ill., where he was employed in the coal mines. There were eight children in the Dalzill family, as follows: Andrew, died in 1928; Euphemia, married Albert Blogg, lives in South Dakota; Jane, the widow of Adolphus Greider, lives at Pontiac, Ill.; Mary Ward; Benjamin, deceased; James and Albert, who live at Wilmington; and Helen, the widow of Benjamin Leach, lives at Joliet. To Mr. and Mrs. Ward were born ten children as follows: 1. Harry, born Nov. 20, 1889, lives at Wilmington, was married on June 15, 1916, to Miss Ethel Morse, and they have had three sons: Henry; Harry, Jr.; and Charles, died in infancy. 2. Alice May, born Feb. 27, 1891, was married in 1918 to John Carter, lives at Indiana Harbor, Ind. 3. James Martin, born April 20, 1893, was married in 1920, to Miss G. Blogg, and they have a daughter, Lillian. 4. Martha Jane, born March 2, 1898, was married in 1919 to Clarence Blogg, a veteran of the World War, lives at Wilmington, and they have two children, Ronald Arthur, and Lorraine. 5. Eva, born July 29, 1900, died in January, 1901. 6. Julia, born Jan. 16, 1902, died in infancy. 7. Maud, born Nov. 20, 1903, was married in 1921, to Fern Beard, lives at Toledo, Ohio, and they have two children, Dorothy Alice and Robert. 8. Mary Emily, born April 17, 1905, was married in 1923, to Arthur Singelton, lives at Wilmington, and they have a son, Arthur. 9. Arthur J., Jr., born Feb. 13, 1909. 10. William, born May 13, 1911.

Mr. Ward has always been a Republican. He served as assessor of Wilmington Township for 13 years, and has been a director of the township. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America.

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**O. L. Addleman.**—The undertaking establishment of O. L. Addleman, Wilmington, is one of the best equipped funeral homes in Will County, and he is recognized as an expert funeral director. He was born at Barclay, Ill., June 27, 1893, the son of Oliver Grant and Hattie L. (Broughton) Addleman.

Oliver Grant Addleman, who is serving as internal revenue collector for the southern district of Illinois at Springfield, is a prominent Republican of that section. He was born in Wayne County, Ind., and was one of the pioneer settlers of Barclay, Ill. In 1905 he removed to Springfield, Ill., where he now resides. He has served as postmaster of Barclay and as United States marshal, and was also probate clerk for a period of 12 years. He is a member of the Christian Church and is affiliated with

the Masonic Lodge. His wife, a native of Logan County, Ill., died April 20, 1926, and is buried at Springfield, Ill. There were four children in the Addleman family: O. L., the subject of this sketch; Yvetta, married Luther Taylor, lives at Springfield, Ill.; Gladys, married Lester Forster, lives at Springfield, Ill.; and Howard Wilson, a student.

O. L. Addleman received his education in the public schools of Springfield and in 1915 was graduated from the Eckels School of Embalming, Chicago. He then came to Wilmington but before engaging in business for himself he was employed in Joliet by Wonderlich & Harris. At the time of the World War he enlisted for service on May 27, 1917, and was sent to Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and assigned to the Medical Corps. Following the close of the war he reenlisted and was in service for a total period of three years. He spent two years in France and Germany in active service as a sergeant with the Medical Corps and was discharged on June 6, 1920, at Fort Slocum, N. Y. Mr. Addleman established his present business at Wilmington on June 20, 1924. It is located at 321 Main Street.

On May 10, 1921, Mr. Addleman was united in marriage with Miss Hyacinth Jupin, who was born at Dexterville, Ky., Dec. 9, 1899, the daughter of Rev. Charles and Margaret (Gibbons) Jupin, natives of Kentucky and the parents of the following children: Beatrice, the widow of Donald Pearce. She resides at Mason City, Ill.; Bishop M. was killed in action while serving in France during the World War, Sept. 14, 1918, is buried at Mason City, Ill.; Hyacinth Addleman; Earl, lives at Austin, Texas; Charles, minister of the Christian Church, Beloit, Wis.; and Fern, died in infancy. Rev. Charles Jupin, Sr., is a retired minister of the Christian Church at Mason City, Ill. He is a Republican, and is affiliated with the Masonic lodge. There are two children in the Addleman family: Omer Earl, born Feb. 27, 1922; and Eileen, born May 2, 1925.

Politically Mr. Addleman is a Republican. He holds membership in the Methodist Church and belongs to the Masonic lodge.

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C. H. Kahler, retired, was for many years a prominent merchant of Wilmington, and is a member of one of the oldest and best known families of Will County. He was born at Wilmington, Jan. 16, 1861, the son of T. W. and Emily (Price) Kahler.

T. W. Kahler came to Illinois from Pennsylvania, where he was born, in 1859, and settled at Wilmington, where he engaged in the mercantile

business. He served as mayor of this city for six years and always took an active interest in local affairs. He was a staunch Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He died Oct. 4, 1905, and his wife died June 1, 1922. They are buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Wilmington. The only child born to Mr. and Mrs. Kahler was C. H., the subject of this sketch.

C. H. Kahler received his education in the public schools of Wilmington and from 1883 until 1901 was interested in the general mercantile business at Wilmington. He then served as cashier of the Commercial National Bank for a period of 14 years and since severing his connections with the bank he is now engaged in the wholesale and retail disposal of gasoline and oils at Wilmington on State Route No. 4. He is the owner of several valuable pieces of real estate in the city and also owns 60 acres of river frontage. He has in his possession several tracts of ranch land in California and also owns real estate in Los Angeles.

On June 26, 1885, Mr. Kahler was united in marriage with Miss Alice Shurcliff, who was born in Sheffield, England, Sept. 12, 1865, the daughter of Henry and Anna (Caldwell) Shurcliff. The former was born in England in January, 1846, and the latter also was born there in that year. Mr. and Mrs. Shurcliff came to America in 1873 and settled in Connecticut, but later removed to Will County. They were the parents of the following children: Alice Kahler; Emily, married F. Hamilton Sauter, lives at Milwaukee, Wis.; Charles H., lives in Chicago; Major Arnold, lives at Chicago, he enlisted in the World War from Cincinnati, Ohio, and served across the sea as a major; and Anna, married R. B. Lee, lives in Chicago. Mr. Shurcliff died Dec. 21, 1921, and his wife died March 27, 1927. They are buried in Chicago. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kahler: 1. Eugene C., born April 19, 1886, lives at Wilmington, was married on July 24, 1920, to Miss Harriet Dubet, of Peoria, Ill., and they have two children: Herve Dubet, born June 8, 1922, and John Eugene, born Dec. 29, 1924. 2. Julian C., born May 19, 1888, lives in Chicago. 3. Marcel C., born May 9, 1891, connected with the Bell Telephone Company, Chicago. He was married on Aug. 25, 1919, to Miss Matilda Hart, of Chicago, and they have a son, Robert C., born Feb. 19, 1921. Marcel C. Kahler is a World War veteran, having enlisted from Chicago, May 9, 1917. He served in France and was discharged from Camp Grant, Ill., in 1919. 4. Helen Zalene, born Dec. 24, 1897, a graduate of Wilmington High School, attended Lake Forest Seminary and is a graduate nurse, having trained at Englewood Hos-

pital in 1922. She is connected with the Osteopathic Hospital in Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. Kahler has always been a Republican. He served as mayor of Wilmington for eight years and as supervisor for two terms. He is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge and attends the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Kahler is identified with the Eastern Star Lodge and for four years was Worthy Matron of the local chapter and for three years was president of the Relief Corps of Wilmington. She is an active church worker and is prominent in all civic and club affairs.

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Leonard G. Wilson, who is president of the Peoples Loan & Homestead Association, ranks high among the representative men of Joliet. He was born in London, England, Aug. 7, 1847, the son of Leonard and Nancy Ellen (Weed) Wilson.

Leonard Wilson, deceased, spent his entire life in London and was a jeweler. He died in 1903 and his wife died in 1863. Both are buried in London. They had the following children: Ellen Selina, deceased; Leonard G., the subject of this sketch; Matilda Caroline, unmarried, lives in London, England; Sophia, deceased; Annie Elizabeth, married William Handley, lives in New Zealand; and William Joseph, lives in London, England.

Leonard G. Wilson received his education in private schools in England. He began his business career as an entry clerk in a wholesale house in London and later was associated with his father's jewelry business for some time. In 1867 he came to America and in 1868 he came to Joliet, where he worked in the offices of the Michigan Central Railroad. In 1875 he became connected with the Peoples Loan & Homestead Association, being one of the early members of the organization. This business was founded by E. B. Mason, who served as secretary until the time of his death in 1884. Mr. Wilson was vice president for many years and later elected president of the concern. Mr. Wilson has made the trip to Chicago daily for the past 23 years, being employed in the office of Selz Schwab and Company, shoe manufacturers.

On Oct. 19, 1876, Mr. Wilson was united in marriage with Miss Ella Mason, born in Lockport, Ill., the daughter of E. B. and Elizabeth (Olney) Mason. Mr. Mason was born in New York, as was his wife. Both are deceased. Mrs. Wilson was their only child. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, one of whom survives, Edwin Leon-





*Leonard G. Wilson*



ard. He is a graduate of Joliet Township High School and the University of Illinois and is now sales manager of a wholesale envelope manufacturing company in Chicago. He resides in Joliet, Ill. Ralph, Clara and Percy are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson who are deceased.

Mr. Wilson is a Democrat and belongs to the Elks Lodge of Joliet. His wife is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Daughters of 1812, the Daughters of the Pioneers, and also belongs to the Women's Club and the Women's Study Club. Her family, the Masons, were among the earliest settlers of Illinois, having located here in 1834, and the descendants have taken an active part in the history of Will County.

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Henry Taylor is one of the most dependable business men of Wilmington, where he has engaged in the meat business for almost 30 years. He was born in England, Nov. 22, 1870, the son of Thomas and Helen (Harper) Taylor.

Thomas Taylor, deceased, was a native of England. He came to the United States early in life with his family and settled at Braidwood, Ill., where he was a coal miner. Both he and his wife are buried in the Braidwood Cemetery. They were the parents of the following children: John, deceased; Joseph, lives at Springfield, Ill.; Thomas, lives at Springfield, Ill.; George, lives at Springfield, Ill.; William, deceased; Mary Ellen, the widow of Leo Metz, lives at Joliet; Drucilla, married George Schnedler, lives at Downers Grove, Ill.; Margaret, married George Donnelly, lives at Joliet; Henry, the subject of this sketch; Esther, married Andrew Muir, lives at Springfield, Ill.; and Daniel, lives at Rochelle, Ill.

Henry Taylor grew up at Braidwood, Ill., and received his education in the public schools there. As a boy he learned the butcher's trade and in 1899 he established his present business at Wilmington. He handles exceptionally high grade meats and has a well established trade. Mr. Taylor owns several pieces of business property in Wilmington and is also the owner of real estate in California.

Mr. Taylor was married on Jan. 23, 1895, to Miss Florence Richards, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1873, the daughter of James S. and Violet (Watson) Richards, natives of Pennsylvania and the parents of three children: William, deceased; Florence Taylor; and Irene May, the widow of Charles Newton, lives at Wilmington. Mr. Richards was an early settler of Braidwood, Ill., where he was employed for many

years as a coal miner. He also was employed on the police force of that city. He was a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belonged to the Knights of Pythias and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. and Mrs. Richards, deceased, are buried at Springfield, Ill. There were three children born to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor: Hazel born Dec. 29, 1898, married Felichian Ghilian, lives at Wilmington, and they have two sons, Henry and James; Violet, died at the age of four years; and Elsie, born July 6, 1906, lives at home. Mrs. Taylor died Dec. 14, 1921, and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

Mr. Taylor is a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Knights of Pythias and Modern Woodmen of America. He and his family are highly esteemed in the community and have many friends.

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**James Dorsey.**—One of the substantial citizens of Wilmington is James Dorsey, who is owner and manager of the Dorsey Hotel. He was born in this city, Sept. 7, 1869, the son of Thomas and Bridget (Gavican) Dorsey.

Thomas Dorsey came to Illinois from New York, where he was born, during the early days and settled at Wilmington, where he engaged in the mercantile business. He was a veteran of the Civil War, having served in the 127th New York Cavalry. He died in 1872 and is buried at Wilmington. He was a member of the Catholic Church and belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic. His wife, a native of Will County, died July 5, 1924, and is buried at Osage, Iowa. To Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey were born six children, as follows: James, the subject of this sketch; Frank, lives in Chicago; John, lives at Plymouth, Iowa; Catherine, twin sister of John, deceased; William, lives at Osage, Iowa; and Mary, deceased.

James Dorsey received his education in the public schools of Wilmington and is a graduate of St. Viator College, Kankakee, Ill. In 1902 he became interested in the mercantile business at Wilmington and since 1924 has engaged in the hotel business on Baltimore Street. He also conducts an up-to-date restaurant in connection with the hotel. He owns several pieces of city property as well as a farm of 80 acres in Wilmington Township.

On Nov. 7, 1902, Mr. Dorsey was united in marriage with Miss Emma Bergera, who was born in Italy in 1879. They have five children: Madeline, a graduate of Joliet Township High School, attended the University

of Wisconsin; Irene, a graduate of Joliet Township High School and Immaculata College, Chicago, married George Seibert, lives in Chicago; James R., a graduate of Wilmington High School, attends the University of Illinois; Bernadine and Winifred, both students.

Mr. Dorsey is a Democrat, a member of the Catholic Church, and belongs to the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

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**Aloysius P. Dailey**, well known throughout Will County as the efficient cashier of the First National Bank of Lockport is a veteran of the World War and a leading figure in the business life of his community. He was born at Penfield, Ill., June 21, 1892, the son of William and Margaret (Smith) Dailey.

William Dailey, who lives retired at Joliet, is a native of Illinois. He was born in Grundy County, and early in life removed to Champaign County, where he lived until 1900, being the owner of 320 acres of well improved land. He then purchased 200 acres in Dupage County, and for many years was a prosperous farmer and stockman of Lisle Township. He is a Republican, a member of the Catholic Church, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus. He held the office of assessor of Champaign County for several years. Margaret (Smith) Dailey died Dec. 6, 1892, and is buried at Lemont, Ill. Aloysius P., the subject of this sketch, is their only child.

Aloysius P. Dailey received his early education in the parochial schools of Lemont, Ill., and in 1910 was graduated from Lemont Township High School. He began his business career with the Western Electric Company and was later identified with the Northern Illinois Cereal Company. He came to Lockport in 1912 and accepted the position of bookkeeper with the First National Bank. He served in that capacity until 1924, at which time he was elected cashier. He was one of the founders of the First National Bank of Lemont, which was organized in 1920.

During the World War Mr. Dailey enlisted for service on May 13, 1918, and was sent to Camp Fremont, Calif., where he was assigned to Company I, 12th Infantry. Four months later he was transferred to the Officers Training School in Arkansas. He was discharged from Camp Pike, Ark., Nov. 29, 1918, with the rank of second lieutenant.

On Nov. 14, 1923, Mr. Dailey was united in marriage with Miss Genevieve Casey, who was born at Lockport, July 28, 1893, the daughter

of James E. and Margaret (Hyland) Casey, natives of Ireland. Mr. Casey was one of the first settlers of Lockport and was a pioneer school teacher of this section. He served throughout the Civil War and was wounded during the battle of Chickamauga. Mr. Casey, who now lives retired at Joliet, is 87 years of age. He is a member of the Catholic Church and belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic. His wife died Feb. 25, 1921, and is buried in Lockport Cemetery. There were nine children in the Casey family, of whom Mrs. Dailey is the youngest. To Mr. and Mrs. Dailey have been born two children: William James, born Oct. 23, 1924; and Margaret Irene, born May 15, 1927.

Mr. Dailey is an independent voter, a member of the Catholic Church and belongs to the Knights of Columbus.

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**W. H. Carter.**—Active and progressive in business, W. H. Carter is prominent at Wilmington, where he has engaged in the grocery business since 1895. He was born in this city, Feb. 16, 1868, the son of William J. and Fanny (Miles) Carter.

William J. Carter was born in England. In early life he came to this country and settled at Erie, Pa., but soon after removed to Wilmington, where he engaged in the grocery business. Both he and his wife are deceased and are buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Mr. Carter was a Republican and served as city assessor of Wilmington for a period of 20 years. He held membership in the Methodist Church and belonged to the Masonic lodge. There were four children in the Carter family: Mary J., the widow of Frank Martin, lives at Wilmington; Ida, married Edgar Moore, both deceased; Fanny, married James Hynd, both deceased; and W. H., the subject of this sketch.

W. H. Carter has always lived at Wilmington. Following his graduation from high school he became interested in the grocery business in this city. He has ranked among the dependable business men of Will County and has an excellent trade. His store is located on Water Street.

On Jan. 4, 1893, Mr. Carter was united in marriage with Miss Mary Monteith, who was born at Wilmington, June 10, 1872, the daughter of David R. and Jennie (Bell) Monteith. Mr. Monteith, an early settler of Wilmington, was a successful merchant of this place, being the city's first meat dealer. He was a Republican and served as alderman. He held membership in the Presbyterian Church. His widow lives at Wil-

mington and is 79 years of age. There were four children in the Monteith family: Walter, died in infancy; Fred, deceased; Ernest, lives in Los Angeles, Calif.; and Mary Carter. To Mr. and Mrs. Carter were born three children: Robert M., born Oct. 12, 1893, associated in business with his father at Wilmington, and is also justice of the peace, married on Nov. 11, 1914, to Miss Ina Joyner, and they have had five children: Robert, deceased; Betty, Jean, William R., and Vivian, all at home; William M., born in September, 1895, is a World War veteran, having served in the United States Navy at Detroit, Mich., married Lottie Charlton, and they live in Chicago; and Mary, who lives in Chicago.

Mr. Carter is a Republican and has served as alderman for four years and as city clerk for 13 years. He holds membership in the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias and Modern Woodmen of America.

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**George H. Allott**, a successful business man of Wilmington and well known resident of Will County, is a native of Illinois. He was born at Braidwood, Oct. 16, 1871, the son of Moses and Amanetta (Carkhuff) Allott.

Moses Allott was born in England in 1847 and was four years old when his parents came to the United States and settled in Pittsburgh, Pa. He removed to Illinois in 1860 and was employed in the coal mines at Braidwood for several years. In later life he engaged in general farming and stock raising on the old Peter Stewart farm. He died March 9, 1926, and his wife, who was born in New Jersey, June 1, 1853, died June 5, 1906. Both are buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Mr. Allott was a Republican, and a charter member of the Knights of Pythias, having held membership in that organization for more than half a century. There were four children in the Allott family: George H., the subject of this sketch; Laura, married H. B. Chidester, lives at Berkeley, Calif.; Albert W., farmer, lives at Wilmington; and Ida J., married Henry Buss, lives at Elwood, Ill.

George H. Allott was reared and educated at Wilmington. He spent several years as a teacher in the district schools of Wilmington Township, and later was employed for eight years in the railway mail service. In 1912 he established his present business at Wilmington, which is located on Water Street. He deals in general merchandise and novelties

and handles high grade merchandise. Mr. Allott is also the owner of a public garage in this city.

On June 22, 1897, Mr. Allott was united in marriage with Miss Matilda Wilfong, who was born in Iowa, Nov. 17, 1876, the daughter of Henry and Ellen (Weimer) Wilfong, natives of Virginia. Mr. Wilfong, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was an early settler of Iowa, where he engaged in general farming. He was a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church. His wife died in 1909, and is buried in Maple Hill Cemetery, Elwood, Ill. To Mr. and Mrs. Wilfong the following children were born: Adelia, married William J. Dillon, lives at Joliet; Enoch, lives at Joliet; Saphronia, married Mack Jones, lives in Michigan; John W., lives at Joliet; Eliza, the widow of Joseph G. Allott, a prominent merchant of Joliet, who died Nov. 17, 1927, and his widow lives at Paw Paw, Mich.; Matilda Allott; and Luther F., lives at Joliet. To Mr. and Mrs. Allott were born four children: Mildred, married Ray G. Elyea, farmer, lives near Wilmington, and they have a daughter, Evelyn; Clyde W., dealer at Wilmington for the Oakland and Pontiac automobiles, married Miss Ambia Parkhill, of Champaign, Ill., and they have two daughters, Helen and Ruth; Ray W., engaged in the automobile business with his brother at Wilmington, married Miss Genevieve Neese, and they have a daughter, Lois; and Frank, who died in infancy.

Mr. Allott is a Republican, and a member of the Methodist Church, of which he has been Sunday School superintendent for 12 years, and a member of the board of trustees. He is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and Modern Woodmen of America. He has served as secretary of the local chapter of the Red Cross since the World War.

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**Lauren Frank Higby**, retired, is a veteran of the Civil War, and one of the most highly esteemed men of Will County. He was born in Otsego County, N. Y., March 31, 1842, the son of John Milton and Anna Maria (Nash) Higbie.

The original spelling of the family name was Higby and the grandfather of the subject of this sketch changed the spelling to Higbie, and Lauren Frank changed it back to Higby.

John Milton Higbie was born in New York. Early in life he removed to central New York, where he conducted a private school for a number of years. He also taught school for a time in Virginia. He was also a lawyer. Mr. Higbie was the owner of 400 acres of land near



Exeter, N. Y. He died Nov. 4, 1887, and his first wife, Anna Maria Nash, died Nov. 20, 1847. He was married later to Sara Lavinia Monroe, of New York. She died Jan. 31, 1857. All are buried in New York. To John Milton and Anna Maria (Nash) Higbie were born the following children: Daniel, died in 1861; John W., deceased, Civil War veteran, having served with the Seventh Kansas Volunteer Cavalry; Damon, Civil War veteran, deceased, and is buried in Baldwin, Kans.; Milton, Civil War veteran, having served with the rank of lieutenant in the 13th United States Infantry, is now deceased; Julia Maria, died in 1847; Malcolm, Civil War veteran, deceased, buried in Kansas; Delia Ann, married John Hatcher, both deceased; Madeline, died in infancy; Lauren Frank, the subject of this sketch; Delavan, died in 1917; Clarence J. Higbie, son of John Milton and Sara (Monroe) Higbie, died in Idaho in 1926.

The education of Lauren Frank Higby was obtained in the private schools of his father. After completing his schooling he enlisted for service in the Civil War and served as a member of Company A, First New York Light Artillery. He was discharged at Elmira, N. Y., June 28, 1865, and immediately came to Illinois and later purchased 80 acres of land in Kansas. However, he soon became interested in the painting and decorating business and in 1870 came to Will County and established himself in business at Joliet, where he became widely known as an artist and landscape painter. He has been a resident of Wilmington since 1882 and continued his work in this city also. He is now retired.

In 1877 Mr. Higby was married to Miss Luella Theresa Williamson, who was born in Chicago, Oct. 23, 1855, the daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Bruce) Williamson, natives of England and early settlers of Chicago, where Mr. Williamson was a prosperous merchant for many years. Mr. Williamson died Nov. 1, 1900, and his wife died Feb. 6, 1909. They are buried at Oakland, Calif. To Mr. and Mrs. Williamson the following children were born: Laura Elizabeth, the widow of Ithimar Palmer, lives at Berkeley, Calif.; George Bruce, lives at Braidwood; Luella Higby; Gustave A., farmer, lives in Florence Township, Will County; Luther Milton, lives at Berkeley, Calif.; Alice, the widow of Rev. William Cape, lives at Madison, Wis.; Charles Edwin, deceased; and Frederick T., lives at Berkeley, Calif. To Mr. and Mrs. Higby were born five children: Mabel Luthera, mention of whom is made below; Bruce A., born Jan. 22, 1882, painting and decorating contractor, lives at Wilmington; Harry Luther, born July 9, 1884, lives in Chicago; Ethel Lorena, born Sept. 5, 1889, died Feb. 26, 1917; and Lauren George,

born Nov. 12, 1893. He enlisted for service during the World War and was assigned to the Medical Corps, Fifth Division, and served in France and later in Germany with the Army of Occupation. He is a Doctor of Chiropractic and lives in Chicago.

Mabel Luthera Higby was born Dec. 10, 1879. She was educated in the public schools of Wilmington and early in life became interested in the study of music. She studied with Prof. E. S. Bonnelly at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music in 1896 and 1897 and in 1901 was graduated from the Chicago Musical College. She is a widely known musician and taught for a number of years. She was pipe organist for more than 20 years at the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches. On April 22, 1913, Miss Higby married Judge Albert O'Marshall, who was born in Will County, Sept. 18, 1840. He was a Civil War veteran and a leading judge of this district for many years. He died Oct. 20, 1914, and is buried in Marshall Cemetery, New Lenox Township, Will County.

Mr. Higby has always been independent in politics. He is a member of Christ Episcopal Church, and belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic. His wife died Sept. 21, 1926, and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Wilmington. In his younger days Mr. Higby possessed a fine tenor voice and still sings well. In November, 1927, his voice was electrically recorded for which he sang two Civil War songs entitled, "On, On, On, the Boys Came Marching," and "The Veteran's Last Song."

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**John W. Berscheid**, well known in Joliet as the superintendent of the local plants of the American Steel & Wire Company, is a native of this city. He is the son of Bernard and Margaret Berscheid.

Both Bernard Berscheid and his wife were natives of Germany. They emigrated to the United States in 1848 and settled in Joliet in 1850, where Mr. Berscheid became successful as a merchant. He died in 1893 at the age of 67 years, and his wife died in 1922 at the age of 87 years. Both are buried in St. John's Cemetery, Joliet. They were the parents of 12 children, of whom three are now living: Mrs. Anna Fey, lives in Joliet; Jacob, lives at Bloomington, Ill.; and John W., the subject of this sketch.

John W. Berscheid grew up in Joliet and received his education in the public and parochial schools. At an early age he went to work for the Lambert & Bishop Company, which was later merged with the American Steel & Wire Company. He has been connected with the



JOHN W. BERSCHIED



company's various plants since 1891, being located in the Rockdale plant until 1917, at which time he was transferred to the plant at DeKalb, Ill., as superintendent of the north and south plants. In July, 1920, he was transferred to the Waukegan plant as assistant superintendent, with 1,600 men under his employ. Mr. Berscheid continued at that plant until 1924, when he returned to the Scott Street plant as superintendent. In 1927 he was put in charge of both plants at Rockdale and Scott Street and now holds one of the most responsible positions with the company.

On Jan. 10, 1901, Mr. Berscheid was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Schwerth, of Joliet. They have a son, John, Jr., who attends the Law School of Notre Dame University.

Mr. Berscheid is independent in politics. He is also affiliated with the Elks Lodge, Modern Woodmen of America, and the Rotary Club and Iron and Steel Institute. The family residence is at 904 Mason Avenue, Joliet.

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**Andrew Robson**, retired, is prominent among the highly esteemed men of Wilmington. He was born in Scotland, July 28, 1859, the son of William and Margaret (Wiley) Robson.

William Robson brought his family to the United States from Scotland in 1866 and settled at Wilmington, where he spent the remainder of his life as a stone mason contractor. He died Dec. 25, 1872. His wife is also deceased, and they are buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Mr. Robson was a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church. There were five children in the Robson family, as follows: William, deceased; Mary, the widow of Robert Beattie, lives at Pasadena, Calif.; James, retired, lives at Wilmington; Andrew, the subject of this sketch; and Richard, deceased.

Andrew Robson was reared and educated at Wilmington. Early in life he learned the stone mason's trade and later formed a partnership with his brother, James, the business being known as Robson Brothers, brick and stone contractors. They continued as above mentioned until 1925, when Mr. Robson retired. During that year he built a gasoline service station on State Route No. 4, near Wilmington. He is associated with his son-in-law, Moses Harter, and they operate a restaurant also in connection with the station.

On March 5, 1882, Mr. Robson was married to Miss Mary E. Mauer, who was born at Westerville, Ohio, Jan. 20, 1865, the daughter of Henry

and Sarah (Jones) Mauger, both deceased. Mr. Mauger was born in Pennsylvania and was an early settler of Ohio. He was a farmer and brick mason. He died Oct. 26, 1880, and his wife died April 12, 1909. They are buried in Wesley Township Cemetery, Will County. Mr. Mauger was a Democrat, a member of the Reform Church, and belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. There were six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Mauger, as follows: Alvin, retired, lives at Joliet; Anna, married Emanuel Poff, lives in Ohio; Jane, deceased, was the wife of John Seaman; Dell, married George Allen, lives in Ohio; Alvira, married Henry Allott, retired, lives at Wilmington; and Mary E. Robson. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Robson, Marcia, born Oct. 28, 1885, married on June 13, 1904, to Moses Harter, and they have a daughter, Ione, born April 22, 1917; (2) Margaret, born Jan. 10, 1892, married on June 1, 1910, to Harry Rodgers, lives at Wilmington, and they have two children, Lucile, born June 7, 1912, and Margaret Ann, born May 22, 1927; (3) Jessie Marie, born in 1896, died in infancy. The oldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Robson, Marcia (Robson) Harter, died March 19, 1918, and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery.

Mr. Robson has always been a Republican and has served as township tax collector and alderman. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and is affiliated with A. F. and A. M. No. 142, Wilmington, and Modern Woodmen of America.

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**Don A. Spurr**, well known throughout Will County as the capable postmaster of Wilmington, was born at this place, Sept. 10, 1865, the son of Alonzo R. and Margaret (White) Spurr.

Alonzo R. Spurr was born in Ashtabula County, Ohio, and his wife was a native of Scotland. He was in the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad for many years and was also a shoemaker by trade. He died in 1907 and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Joliet. His widow resides at Brooklyn, N. Y., and is 85 years of age. To Mr. and Mrs. Spurr were born five children, as follows: Don A., the subject of this sketch; Christina Jessie, deceased; Margaret, married William Diamond, lives in Indiana; George, lives at Jackson, Mich.; and Minnie C., the widow of William Bryant, lives in New York City.

The education of Don A. Spurr was received in the public and high schools of Wilmington and he began his business career at the age of 14, learning the printing business. In 1881 he was editor of the Wil-

mington Advocate and remained in newspaper work until 1921, when he sold out. He was appointed postmaster of Wilmington in 1912, during the administration of President Taft and in 1916 returned to his newspaper business until 1921, when he was again appointed postmaster under President Coolidge's administration, and since then has continued in this capacity. He has also served as town clerk, constable and as secretary of the school board.

Mr. Spurr was married on March 19, 1903, to Miss Harriet English, who was born at Braidwood, Ill., the daughter of John and Mary English. Mr. English was born in England and early in life came to the United States and settled in Will County. He was a miner and later a merchant at Braidwood. He died in 1898 and his wife died in 1904. Both are buried in the Braidwood Cemetery. Mr. English was a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. There were five children in the English family: John, lives at Joliet; Sarah L., married William Rogers, lives at Joliet; Mary, the widow of Alexander McFarland, lives at Joliet; Alice, married John Quick, lives at LaSalle, Ill.; and Harriet Spurr. To Mr. and Mrs. Spurr were born two daughters: Leila, born April 7, 1904, married James Mackley, lives at Wilmington, and they have a son, Donie James, born in April, 1926; and Margaret, born May 19, 1906, was graduated from Wilmington High School in 1926, and is now assistant postmaster of Wilmington.

Mr. Spurr has always been a Republican. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church and are highly esteemed members of the community in which they live.

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**Arthur H. Nelson.**—One of the progressive business men of Braidwood is Arthur H. Nelson, who is cashier of the First National Bank. He was born at Campus, in Livingston County, Ill., Oct. 9, 1885, the son of Ole and Matilda (Polson) Nelson.

Ole Nelson came to the United States from Sweden, where he was born, and settled in Livingston County, Ill. In 1899 he removed to Braidwood, where he engaged in general farming and stock raising. While a resident of Campus, Ill., he was the proprietor of a hotel. He now lives retired at Wilmington. Mr. Nelson is a Republican and has held several township offices. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church. They have four children: John, insurance, lives at

Braidwood; Arthur H., the subject of this sketch; Blenda, married A. P. Oswald, lives at Wilmington; and Esther, married J. R. Patterson, lives at Braidwood.

Arthur H. Nelson attended the public schools of Campus and Braidwood. Early in his business career he became interested in the insurance business, which he successfully followed until 1921, at which time he was appointed cashier of the First National Bank of Braidwood.

On Jan. 10, 1917, Mr. Nelson was united in marriage with Miss Bardie Easton, who was born in South Dakota, Aug. 28, 1887. They have three children: Harold E., born Nov. 26, 1917; Eileen L., born Nov. 11, 1919; and Arthur Grant, born Sept. 27, 1922.

Mr. Nelson is a Republican and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

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**First National Bank of Braidwood**, one of the pioneer financial institutions of Will County, was organized originally as a private banking business, known as W. H. O'Dell & Company. It was reorganized in 1921 as a national bank, and the following officers were elected: James A. Smith, president; N. P. Keyes, vice president; and Arthur H. Nelson, cashier.

The statement of the First National Bank of June, 1928, is as follows: Resources: Loans and discounts, \$58,199.20; overdrafts, \$85.27; U. S. Government securities, \$100.00; other bonds, stocks, etc., \$277,630.56; banking house and equipment, \$5,528.67; federal reserve fund, \$14,036.00; cash on hand, \$21,594.35; total resources, \$370,905.54. Liabilities: Capital stock, \$25,000.00; surplus, \$15,000.00; undivided profits, \$13,640.88; Certified checks, \$123.50; dividend checks, \$2,500.00; individual deposits, \$88,227.26; state, county, and municipal deposits, \$5,000.00; savings deposits, \$221,413.90; total liabilities, \$370,905.54.

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**James A. Robson.**—One of the outstanding citizens of Wilmington is James Alexander Robson, retired, who for many years was identified with the city's business life. He was born in Scotland, Aug. 20, 1855, the son of William and Margaret (Wiley) Robson.

William Robson brought his family to the United States from Scotland in 1866 and settled at Wilmington, where he spent the remainder



of his life as a stone mason contractor. He died Dec. 25, 1872. His wife is also deceased, and they are buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Mr. Robson was a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church. There were five children in the Robson family, as follows: William, deceased; Mary, the widow of Robert Beattie, lives at Pasadena, Calif.; James A., the subject of this sketch; Andrew, retired, lives at Wilmington; and Richard, deceased.

James A. Robson grew up in Scotland and attended the country schools there. After his arrival in this country he continued his education and attended Bryant's & Stratton's Business College in Chicago. He learned the stone mason's trade in Scotland and in 1875 engaged in business at Wilmington in partnership with his brother, Andrew Robson, the firm being known as Robson Brothers. Other well known men associated with the business were Martin Healy and Archibald Robson. They had many important contracts in the city during their long years of service and were builders of St. Rose's Catholic Church, the Presbyterian Church at Wilmington, and the Wilmington City Hall and County Jail. In fact, the greater part of the city's downtown section is the product of the work of Robson Brothers. Since 1910 Mr. Robson has been interested in the shoe business at Wilmington and for a time was a member of the firm of Camp & Robson. Mr. Camp is now deceased. Although Mr. Robson lives in Wilmington, he is the owner of one of the finest farms in this section of Will County. It contains 160 acres and is located in Florence Township, three miles from Wilmington.

On March 21, 1883, Mr. Robson was united in marriage with Miss Eva M. Smith, who was born in Kendall County, Ill., June 20, 1854, the daughter of William Austin and M. (Brizee) Smith, natives of Vermont. The Smith family located at Wilmington many years ago and Mr. Smith, now deceased, was a prosperous farmer of Will County. He and his wife are buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Wilmington. There were four children in the Smith family: Austin J., died in 1924; Nettie, married Frank Vining, both deceased; Eva M. Robson; and Belle, the widow of A. J. Watts, lives in Chicago. Mrs. Robson died Jan. 10, 1924, and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Wilmington. To Mr. and Mrs. Robson were born two children: Richard W., born Oct. 30, 1884, died Nov. 30, 1926; and Jeanette, born in 1900, a graduate nurse, lives at home.

Mr. Robson has always been a Republican. He has a wide acquaintance throughout the community in which he has spent so many years.

**John Edward McGowan**, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War and a well known resident of Chicago. He was born at Boston, Mass., Jan. 21, 1844, and died in Chicago, Dec. 29, 1911. His widow, Marie, known to her friends as Nettie (McFarland) McGowan, lives at Wilmington, where she is identified with the Soldier's Widows Home, as managing officer.

John Edward McGowan was the son of Dr. John J. and Elizabeth (Valentine) McGowan. Dr. McGowan was born at Boston, Mass., and was a graduate of Harvard University. He was a veteran of the Civil War, having served as brigade surgeon in Sickles' (Excession) Brigade. He died in 1871 and is buried in Boston. His wife was born in Connecticut in 1818 and died in Chicago in 1913. Doctor and Mrs. McGowan had four children: John Edward, the subject of this sketch; Joseph, Elizabeth, and Clara, all deceased.

John Edward McGowan served throughout the Civil War and was identified with the Grand Army of the Republic as commander of McKinley Post No. 376, Chicago. He was also affiliated with Hesperia Lodge No. 411, A. F. and A. M., Chicago, and was prominent in Masonic circles.

On July 14, 1877, Mr. McGowan married Miss Marie Antionette McFarland, a native of Middlesex County, Mass., the daughter of Charles and Olive L. (Weston) McFarland. Mr. McFarland, who died in 1884, was a pioneer settler of Chicago and a successful merchant of that city. He was a charter member of the Masonic Lodge and held membership in the Congregational Church. He was a Republican. His wife, who died in 1880, was born in Middlesex County, Mass.. Their surviving children are: Grace E., married Noble C. Shumway, Chicago; Fred W., Chicago; and Marie (Nettie) McGowan. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McGowan: Valentine, employed in the postal service, is a World War veteran, having served with Company L, 132nd Illinois Infantry; Olive, married John P. Quinn; Archibald, married Josephine Bates; Blanche A., married Philip Fishburn, all of the above living in Chicago except, Grace A., who married William N. McDowall, and lives at Joliet.

Mrs. John E. McGowan is identified with the Massachusetts branch of the Mayflower Society, and also holds membership in the Alden Kindred; National Society of the Daughters of Founders and Patriots, Washington, D. C.; United States Daughters of 1812; Daughters of the American Revolution, Louis Joliet Chapter; and Old Glory Woman's Relief Corps. She was one of the founders of the National Society for

the Advancement of Patriotism, and she is a life member of the same; is a member of the Women's Club of Joliet and King's Daughters of Wilmington.

Before coming to Wilmington in 1914 to accept the position of managing officer of the Soldiers Widows Home, Mrs. McGowan lived in Chicago. She is a graduate of the Chicago Normal College, Chicago, and for many years was connected with the public schools of that city.

Mrs. McGowan is a member of the Catholic Church, and one of the most highly esteemed women of the community.

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**James A. Smith.**—A substantial citizen and dependable business man of Braidwood is found in James A. Smith, who has engaged in the drug business here for 40 years. He is also president of the First National Bank of Braidwood. Mr. Smith was born in New York City, July 16, 1858, the son of John and Mary (Mahoney) Smith.

John Smith spent his entire life in New York City and is now deceased. He was a teamster. There were three children in the Smith family: Frank, resides in New York City; John, Los Angeles, Calif., and James A., lives at Braidwood.

James A. Smith was ten years old when he came to Will County as an orphan and was adopted by Adam J. White. He spent his boyhood on the farm of Mr. White, near Wilmington, and attended the public schools of Wilmington. He later was employed as a clerk in the drug store of Dr. LeCaron, Braidwood, and after attending the Chicago College of Pharmacy, was graduated in the class of 1882. He returned to his former employment at Braidwood and in 1888 purchased the business which he has continued to the present time. He has one of the best equipped drug stores in this part of Will County, and has established an excellent trade. Mr. Smith has been president of the First National Bank of Braidwood since its organization in 1921.

Mr. Smith was married first to Miss Nellie Goodrich of Braidwood. They had a daughter, Helen, who is the wife of Carl Markert, lives at Kankakee, and they have two daughters, June and Betty. Before her marriage Mrs. Markert was a teacher in Joliet Township High School. After the death of his first wife Mr. Smith married Nettie (Goodrich) Wade, of Braidwood. To this union a daughter was born, Pauline Estelle, who is the wife of Allen T. McVicker, and they live in Chicago. She is a trained nurse. Mrs. Smith is deceased and is buried at Wil-

mington. Mr. Smith later married Miss Olive Barker, of Braidwood. They have a daughter, Janet Frances, who was graduated from Braidwood High School in 1928.

Mr. Smith is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, and Modern Woodmen of America. He is prominent in local affairs and served as a member of the school board.

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**John Daniel Walker.**—One of the leading citizens of Will County is John Daniel Walker, who is serving as superintendent of all the Illinois penal institutions. He was born at Braidwood, Ill., March 26, 1874, the son of John P. and Eliza (Steel) Walker.

John P. Walker emigrated to the United States from Scotland in 1866 and took up his residence at Braidwood, Ill., where he was joined by his wife and elder children in 1867. A coal miner by trade he found employment at that work but in 1886 removed to Joliet, where he entered the rolling mills of a local steel company. He was thrifty and enterprising, saved his wages, and in later life became a merchant. He died in 1920 at the age of 82 years, and is survived by his widow, who is 87 years old, having been born Nov. 29, 1841. She resides in Joliet. Mr. and Mrs. Walker were the parents of 12 children, of whom four are living: Anna, married James McCulloch, lives at Joliet; John Daniel, the subject of this sketch; Jessie, married Joseph Waterworth, lives at Chicago Heights, Ill.; and Peter, lives at Joliet.

The boyhood of John Daniel Walker, up to the time he was 12 or 13 years of age, was passed in attending the public schools. His first steady employment was with the Joliet Steel Company, now a part of the Illinois Steel Company. This position was known as that of pull-up boy and called for 12 hours of hard manual work, for which he received wages of 75 cents per day. Gradually he worked his way to the position of charger, for which he received \$2.25 per day. After eight years he was advanced to the post of heater. After 18 years in this capacity Mr. Walker decided that there was no future for him and accordingly resigned to accept the post of keeper in the new penitentiary at Joliet. He held this position for six and one-half months, and then secured employment in the office of the secretary of state as an automobile investigator, and for two and one-half years covered the counties of Kankakee, Grundy, Kendall, and Will. In April, 1922, he was nominated as sheriff of Will County and elected to office on November 7th of that year.



*John L. Walker*



He is a member of the Illinois State Sheriff's Association and at Peoria, Ill., in 1923, was elected president of that organization. He was appointed to the office of superintendent of the Illinois State Prison, Dec. 13, 1926, just seven days after leaving the office as sheriff of Will County. Mr. Walker is superintendent of the Illinois State Prison at Joliet, the Illinois Southern Penitentiary at Manard, Ill.; the Reformatory at Pontiac; State Farm at Vandalia, Hospital for the Criminal Insane at Chester and the Women's Penitentiary at Joliet.

On Aug. 17, 1895, Mr. Walker was united in marriage with Miss Mary Puhek, of Joliet, the daughter of Matthew and Catherine Puhek, natives of Austria. To this union have been born the following children: Anna, married Frank Smith, lives at Joliet; Elizabeth, married Alfred Jancovas, lives at Joliet, and they have two sons, Alfred Hughes and John Daniel; Lillian K., married John Turney, lives in Chicago, and they have four children, Marie, Jack, Bernard, and Bernice; John J., and Frank C., who live at home; Matthew, died in infancy; Alexander G., mention of whom is made below; Eliza Steel, Grace Scott, and James D., all at home.

Alexander G. Walker was born in Joliet, Jan. 20, 1907. He met with an accidental death, Aug. 19, 1927, when a tire on his automobile exploded.

Mr. Walker has always been a Republican and has served as tax collector of Joliet Township and as county oil inspector of Will County. He was chairman of the County Central Committee from 1924 until 1928 and was manager of the campaign of Governor Small and Attorney-General Oscar Carlstrom in Will County. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and has been affiliated with the Masonic Lodge since 1901. He was elevated to the Scottish Rite in 1925, and he is also a member of the Mystic Shrine, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Elks Lodge, Loyal Order of Moose, and Modern Woodmen of America. He also holds membership in the Rivals Club, Speed Boys Club, and the Irvin Athletic Club.

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Nye P. Keyes is one of the reliable and well known merchants of Braidwood, where he has engaged in the grocery business for the past 30 years. He was born at Algona, Iowa, Feb. 24, 1869, the son of William and Sophia (Blodgett) Keyes.

William Keyes was born at Sterling, Mass., and his wife was a native of Vermont. Early in life they went to Iowa where Mr. Keyes engaged

in general farming and stock raising. They came to Braidwood in 1876, where they lived during the remainder of their lives. Mr. Keyes was a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Keyes: Sylvia, who died at the age of four years; and Nye P., the subject of this sketch.

Nye P. Keyes was a boy when his family settled at Braidwood. He attended the public school and was employed as a clerk in a local grocery store until 1897, at which time he engaged in business for himself. In connection with his grocery store Mr. Keyes is also interested in the grain business. He is vice president of the First National Bank of Braidwood.

Mr. Keyes was married (first) in 1890, to Miss Emma Butler, who was born near Braidwood in 1871. To them were born three daughters: Bernice, Gladys, and Inez, all deceased. Mrs. Keyes died March 25, 1916, and is buried at Wilmington. On Oct. 4, 1916, Mr. Keyes married Miss Lily Reed of Braidwood. They have a daughter, Dorothy, born in 1920. Mr. and Mrs. Keyes also have two step-daughters, Nina Reed, and Mildred, who is a teacher in the Reed Custer High School at Braidwood.

Mr. Keyes is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge.

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**Philip Clark**, deceased, was highly esteemed and widely known among the pioneer settlers of Will County. He was a native of New York, born in 1851. Early in life he came to Illinois and settled at Braidwood, where he followed his trade as a blacksmith. He died in 1887 and is buried at Wilmington.

Mr. Clark was married on Oct. 26, 1867, to Miss Harriet Hilliard, who was born in Oneida County, N. Y., in 1845, the daughter of John and Susan (Little) Hilliard, natives of Ireland and early settlers of Oneida County, N. Y. About 1855 the Hilliard family came to Will County and settled about two miles west of Braidwood, where Mr. Hilliard became well known as a farmer and stockman. He died in 1886 and his wife died in 1885. Both are buried in the Wilmington Cemetery. Mr. Hilliard was a Democrat and a member of the Catholic Church. There were eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard, all of whom are deceased except their daughter, Harriet, wife of the subject of this sketch.



To Philip and Harriet (Hilliard) Clark were born four children: 1. Mary, married Joseph Hurst, deceased, and they had four children: Cecil, Hattie, Elizabeth, and Ruth. Both Hattie and Ruth Hurst are graduate nurses and are located at Joliet. 2. Susan, married Thomas Feeney, lives at Joliet, and they have three children: Clark, Myron, and Lois. 3. John, who was killed in action in France during the World War, while serving as a member of Company B, 4th Engineers, A. E. F. He died April 11, 1919, and is buried in France. 4. Elizabeth, married Arthur Pohlman, lives at Joliet, and they have three children: Joseph, Arthur, and Elizabeth.

Mr. Clark was a staunch Republican.

Harriet (Hilliard) Clark Hurst attended the schools of Braidwood and Wilmington, and before her marriage was a teacher in the district schools. She is a member of the Methodist Church and belongs to the Ladies Aid Society.

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Dr. Walter C. Frick, of Braidwood, is numbered among the representative men of Will County, and is one who has honorably won the position he holds in his profession. He was born at Kent, Ohio, Oct. 21, 1881, the son of Nathan and Sarah Ann (Brumbaugh) Frick.

Nathan Frick, deceased, was a native of Pennsylvania, born at Lancaster. Early in life he settled at Kent, Ohio, where he became well known as a building contractor. He died Jan. 9, 1927, and his wife, who was born at New Baltimore, Ohio, died Jan. 2, 1928. They are buried at Mogadore, Ohio. Mr. Frick was a deacon of the Church of the Brethren. There were eight children in the Frick family, as follows: Walter C., the subject of this sketch; Ernest Ellsworth, deceased; Effie May, married James Merrimer, lives at Akron, Ohio; Blanche Elsie, married John Norris, lives at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; Rev. Elmer Earl, minister of the Church of the Brethren, Louisville, Ohio, is a World War veteran; Edna Irene, deceased; Fannie Abigail, married Frank Marker, lives at Kent, Ohio; and Charles Chester, a World War veteran, lives at Kent, Ohio.

Walter C. Frick attended the grammar and high schools of Kent, Ohio, from which he was graduated in 1899. Later he attended Jenner Medical College, Chicago, from which he received his degree as Doctor of Medicine in 1908. He then located in Chicago and maintained offices at 2754 West 22nd Street until 1921, at which time he removed to Braid-

wood. He has since engaged in practice here with offices on Main Street. He is connected with the staffs of St. Joseph and Silver Cross hospitals, Joliet.

On July 25, 1906, Dr. Frick was united in marriage with Miss Alfreda Anding, who was born in Chicago, July 26, 1891. The following children were born to them: Boyd Glenwood and Floyd Anding, twins, born in 1908, both deceased; Homer Kenneth, born in 1910, deceased; Ruth Gladys, born in 1912, deceased; Hope Winifred, born July 26, 1913, attends Braidwood High School; Ernest LeRoy, born April 6, 1919; Eva Esther, born Feb. 14, 1921; and Paul David, born at Braidwood, Ill., Feb. 12, 1922.

Dr. Frick is a Republican, and a member of the Church of the Brethren. He is president of the Reed Custer High School Board of Education.

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**William H. Steen**, well known throughout Will County and one of its pioneer insurance men, is a resident of Braidwood. He was born in Scotland, July 29, 1849, the son of James and Agnes (Hare) Steen.

James Steen brought his family to the United States from Scotland in 1865 and settled in Pennsylvania, near Pottsville. Three years later he removed to Braidwood where he was employed in the coal mines. He died about 1886, and his wife died in 1881. He was a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Steen had four children: William H., the subject of this sketch; Mary Ann, the widow of Alexander Crossan, lives at Vancouver, B. C.; James, deceased; and John, retired, lives at Joliet.

William H. Steen was reared and educated in Scotland. When nine years old he went to work in the coal mines. He came to this country in 1865 with his family and was employed in the coal mines of Braidwood until 1882, at which time he became interested in the insurance business. He purchased the business of John James and became one of the leading insurance men of this section of the state. He still maintains his offices, although living practically retired.

On Jan. 21, 1869, Mr. Steen married Miss Mary Ann Robertson, who was born in Scotland, June 30, 1849, the daughter of William and Mary Ann (Steen) Robertson. The Robertson family came to this country from Scotland in 1853 and settled at Pottsville, Pa., but like the Steen family later removed to Braidwood, where Mr. Robertson was employed in the coal mines. He and his wife are deceased. They were the par-

ents of the following children: James, died in infancy; Mary Ann Steen; Elizabeth, married George Frew, lives at Canton, Ohio; Jean, the widow of James Weir, lives at Braidwood; Margaret, married James Mortimer, lives at Braidwood; William, lives in Ohio; Sarah, deceased; Ellen, married George Thompson, both deceased; Isabel, married David Stewart, both deceased; and Alexander deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Steen were born five children: 1. Agnes, born March 9, 1870, married in June, 1898, to John Kilpatrick, deceased, and they had seven children: William, a World War veteran, lives at Braidwood; James, lives in Alabama; Isabel, Craig, Margaret, and John, all at home; and Agnes, deceased. 2. William, died in infancy. 3. Elizabeth, married Matthew English, lives at Braidwood, and they have two children: Mary Ann, and Anabel, both at home. 4. Isabella, lives at home. 5. Mary Ann, deceased.

Mr. Steen has always been a Republican and has taken an active part in local politics. He has held the offices of alderman, city clerk, mayor, city attorney, and has also served two terms as a member of the state legislature. He is prominent in Masonic circles and is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, and Scottish Clans. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, of which he has served as elder for a period of fifteen years. Mr. Steen may be rightly called one of the founders of Braidwood, having taken an active interest in the organization of its government.

Mrs. William H. Steen died March 25, 1916, and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Braidwood.

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**Battista Perona**, retired, is a highly esteemed resident of Braidwood, where he is a director of the First National Bank. He was born in Italy, June 27, 1852.

Mr. Perona spent his boyhood in his native land and was educated there. He emigrated to the United States in August, 1873, and settled at Braidwood, where he was a coal miner until the time of his recent retirement.

Mr. Perona was married March 28, 1882, to Miss Margaret Ellena, who was born in Italy, Jan. 15, 1867, the daughter of Bartholomew and Felicita (Chiaventone) Ellena. The Ellena family settled at Braidwood at an early date, where Mr. Ellena was employed in the coal mines. He died May 16, 1906, and his wife died Jan. 22, 1913. They were mem-

bers of the Catholic Church. Their children were: Margaret Perona; and Joseph; who lives at Wilsonville, Ill. To Mr. and Mrs. Perona were born five children: Margaret, married Fred Barta, lives in Chicago; Felicita, twin sister of Margaret, married Victor Biasetti, lives at Joliet; John, deceased; John George, lives at home; and Bartholomew, lives in Chicago.

Politically Mr. Perona is a Democrat. He and his family hold membership in the Catholic Church.

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**Thomas Charles Jackson**, who is successfully engaged in the hardware business at Braidwood, is well known throughout Will County. He was born in Michigan City, Ind., July 26, 1876, the son of Thomas and Jane (Brown) Jackson.

Thomas Jackson, deceased, was a native of Scotland. Early in life he went to Canada and settled in Montreal. Later, he came to Chicago and for several years was a peddler between Bloomington, Ill., and Chicago. He then settled at Michigan City, Ind., for a time and later returned to Montreal. He died in 1893 and his wife died in 1904. Both are buried at Wilmington. Mr. Jackson was a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson had the following children: Margaret, married Rev. Frank Drumm, minister of the Methodist Church, lives in Kansas; May, trained nurse, lives in Chicago; Thomas Charles, the subject of this sketch; William, lives in Chicago; Lulu, lives in Will County; and George, farmer, lives in Custer Township, Will County.

Thomas Charles Jackson received his education in the district schools of Custer Township. He was employed for a short time as a fireman in the Joliet Rod Mills and later went to Chicago where he engaged in the confectionery business at 4911 Ashland Avenue. After his return to Will County he farmed for a short time and then engaged in road building. He was also well known as a building contractor. In August, 1927, Mr. Jackson purchased the pioneer hardware business of Woodward Norris. He is also a plumbing contractor.

On Feb. 21, 1921, Mr. Jackson was united in marriage with Miss Ethel Norris, who was born at Braceville, Ill., April 23, 1898, the daughter of Woodward and Mary Jane (Jackson) Norris, natives of England, who settled in Will County in 1883. Mr. Norris was a pioneer merchant of Braceville, where he engaged in the hardware business for a period

of 20 years. He died July 26, 1927, and his wife died in 1926. Mr. Norris was a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belonged to the Masonic Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Knights of Pythias. Mr. and Mrs. Norris were the parents of two children: Fred, lives at Joliet; and Ethel Jackson. To Mr. and Mrs. Jackson were born two daughters; Mae, born May 28, 1922; and Lois, born July 23, 1926.

Mr. Jackson is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge.

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**Archibald Duncan McIntyre**, retired, is a highly esteemed resident of Will County, where he has spent practically his entire life. He was born near Amsterdam, N. Y., Feb. 28, 1858, the son of Duncan and Lucinda (Hadsall) McIntyre.

Duncan McIntyre came to Will County during the early days and settled on a farm in Florence Township. Both he and his wife were natives of New York. His brother, Archibald McIntyre, was for many years president of the First National Bank of Wilmington. The father of Duncan McIntyre was one of the first grain farmers of the county and carried his grain to the Chicago markets by ox teams. Both Duncan McIntyre and his wife are deceased and are buried in Star's Grove Cemetery. They had the following children: Daniel, John, Anna, all deceased; Thomas R.; Archibald D., the subject of this sketch; James W., and Margaret, both deceased.

Archibald D. McIntyre grew up on his father's farm and attended the schools at Star's Grove and Florence Township. He was always interested in general farming and stock raising and was the owner of a fine farm of 160 acres in Florence Township. Like his father, he was an extensive grain farmer. He now lives retired at Wilmington, his residence being located at 423 Wabash Street.

On July 19, 1904, Mr. McIntyre was united in marriage with Miss Cornelia Fisher, who was born at Wilmington, Dec. 16, 1857, the daughter of Bryan and Lucy (Hitchcock) Fisher. Mr. Fisher was born in Pennsylvania and was an early settler of Wilmington, where he was a miller by trade. He died Oct. 20, 1907, and his wife died March 12, 1920. Both are buried in the Oakwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Mr. Fisher was a Republican, and a member of the Presbyterian Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Fisher were born five children: Jane, married Joseph

Brierley, lives in Wisconsin; Thomas, deceased; Cornelia McIntyre; Louise, married Dr. S. F. Duncan, dentist, lives at Joliet; Walter, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre had no children.

Mr. McIntyre is a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

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**Carl H. Muehlenpfordt.**—As president of the First National Bank of Lockport, C. H. Muehlenpfordt ranks among the representative business men of Will County. He was born at Ashkum, Ill., May 21, 1885, the son of Dr. August and Henrietta (Gerdes) Muehlenpfordt.

Dr. August A. Muehlenpfordt, deceased, was for more than half a century a leading physician and surgeon of Iroquois County, Ill. He was born in Germany and came to the United States in 1866. For a short time he lived at Joliet, but later removed to Ashkum, in Iroquois County. Dr. Muehlenpfordt also owned a drug business at that place. He was a Democrat and served as postmaster for many years. Dr. Muehlenpfordt died June 13, 1925, at the age of 86 years, and his wife died in 1923. Both are buried at Ashkum. To Dr. and Mrs. Muehlenpfordt were born five children, of whom C. H., the subject of this sketch, was the youngest.

Carl H. Muehlenpfordt received his early schooling at Ashkum, and in 1901 was graduated from high school. He was a member of the graduating class of Grand Prairie Seminary at Onarga, Ill., in 1905. He began his business career as a clerk in a grocery store, and for three months was employed at a salary of \$33 per month. He became interested in banking in the capacity of bookkeeper for the Ashkum Bank, and later went to Mitchell, South Dakota, where he served as teller and bookkeeper for the Commercial Savings Bank until the organization of the First National Bank of Lockport in 1907, at which time he came to this city. He has filled every office in the bank except that of vice president and is well known in banking circles throughout the state of Illinois.

On Sept. 27, 1912, Mr. Muehlenpfordt was married to Miss Florence Backus, of Lockport, and they have a daughter, Adele, born Aug. 18, 1917.

Mr. Muehlenpfordt is a staunch Republican and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge and its various branches.

The First National Bank of Lockport was organized in 1907 with the following officers: Leon MacDonald, president; Philip Yost, vice



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president; and C. H. Muehlenpfordt, cashier. The directors were: Leon MacDonald, Philip Yost, C. H. Muehlenpfordt, E. J. Murphy, W. A. Murphy, W. D. Heise, Acker Ruland, and Frank A. Rowley.

The officers of the First National Bank of Lockport in 1928 are: C. H. Muehlenpfordt, president; Philip Yost, vice president; A. P. Dailey, cashier; and Leo P. Ward, assistant cashier. The directors are: Healy H. Alexander, A. P. Dailey, C. H. Muehlenpfordt, W. R. Paddock, Edward T. Winkler and Philip Yost.

On Dec. 31, 1927, the statement of the First National Bank of Lockport was as follows: Resources: Loans and discounts, \$584,583.60; overdrafts, \$614.10; U. S. bonds, \$128,181.00; other bonds, \$332,166.42; real estate, \$2,074.83; furniture and fixtures, \$8,394.49; cash and exchange, \$109,178.70; total, \$1,165,193.14. Liabilities: Capital stock, \$50,000.00; surplus and profits, \$52,542.01; circulation, \$24,300.00; deposits, \$938,351.13; bills payable with Federal Reserve Bank, \$100,000.00; total, \$1,165,193.14.

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S. V. Donna, well known throughout Will County as the capable young postmaster of Braidwood, is a veteran of the World War and a member of one of the oldest families of this section of Illinois. He was born at Braidwood, May 14, 1889, the son of Joseph and Lucile (Costello) Donna.

Joseph Donna, deceased, was a native of Italy. In 1843 he emigrated to the United States and settled at Braidwood, where he was employed in the coal mines. He died Dec. 14, 1914, and is buried in the Catholic Cemetery at Braidwood. His widow lives in this city. Mr. Donna was a Republican and a member of the Catholic Church. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Donna: Peter, deceased; M. J., lives at Braidwood; Catherine, married William Costello, lives at LaSalle, Ill.; Nellie, married John Cairns, lives at Gillespie, Ill.; G. J., lives at Braidwood; S. V., the subject of this sketch; Josephine, married Charles Stolp, Jr., lives at Cincinnati, Ohio; and Rose, married James Riva, lives at Spring Valley, Ill.

The education of S. V. Donna was obtained in the public schools of Braidwood. He entered the coal mines as a miner and spent eight years in that work, at the same time pursuing his education. Later, Mr. Donna entered Valparaiso University in Indiana. He spent eight years in the employ of the Illinois Steel Company at Joliet and in April, 1917, volunteered for service in the World war. He was sent to Camp Wil-

liamson, Portland, Me., and was assigned to the 72nd C. A. C. He served in France for eight months and was discharged from Camp Grant, Ill., on March 26, 1918. He returned to his former employment with the Illinois Steel Company in Joliet, where he remained until Jan. 13, 1923. Since that date he has been postmaster of Braidwood, being appointed during the administration of President Harding and reappointed during the Coolidge administration.

Mr. Donna is a Republican, a member of the Catholic Church, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus. He was one of the organizers of the local post of the American Legion and takes an active part in its affairs. Mr. Donna is unmarried.

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**Thomas L. Francis** is one of the best known insurance men of Will County, having engaged in this work at Braidwood for almost 30 years, and having succeeded to the business of his father, David Francis, which was established in 1880. Mr. Francis was born at Braidwood, Aug. 22, 1872, the son of David and Rachel (Bowen) Francis.

David Francis was born in Wales, Feb. 22, 1846. Early in life he came to this country and settled at Braidwood, where he spent the remainder of his life. In 1880 he organized the insurance business in partnership with John H. Ward, and four years later purchased the latter's interest. He continued in this business until his death, which occurred June 21, 1901. He is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Braidwood. On Oct. 8, 1871, Mr. Francis married Miss Rachel Bowen, who was born in Wales, July 4, 1855. She died April 13, 1919, and is buried at Braidwood. Mr. Francis was a Republican, and served as tax collector and alderman, as well as city attorney of Braidwood. He was a member of the Methodist Church and belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Francis, as follows: Thomas L., the subject of this sketch; Elizabeth, the widow of John McKenzie, lives in Chicago; John, Alfred, and David, all deceased; William, lives in Chicago; Alice, married Earnest Barrett, lives at Braidwood; Jennie, married Allen Cherrie, lives at Coal City, Ill.; and Arthur J., lives at Joliet.

Thomas L. Francis has always lived in Braidwood. When ten years of age he went to work in the coal mines. He became interested in his father's insurance business in July 1899, and at the time of the latter's death, he succeeded to the business. Mr. Francis is also inter-

ested in the real estate business. He is a director of the First National Bank of Braidwood.

On Feb. 25, 1896, Mr. Francis was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Milner, who was born in England, Aug. 23, 1869. They have a son, Edwin G., who was born Dec. 6, 1896. He is connected with the Illinois Bell Telephone Company in charge of the Lemont district. He is a veteran of the World War, and was married on May 19, 1924, to Miss Loretta Roderick, of Joliet.

Mr. Francis is a Republican and has served as township assessor and tax collector. He is a member of the Methodist Church and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Knights of Pythias.

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**Truby Hynd** is among the enterprising young business men of Braidwood, where he is identified with the Hynd Bottling Works. He was born here, July 7, 1902, the son of James and Elizabeth (Ross) Hynd.

James Hynd and his wife were natives of Scotland. Shortly after their marriage they came to the United States and settled at Braidwood, where Mr. Hynd organized the Hynd Bottling Works more than 40 years ago. He died in June, 1921, and his wife died July 27, 1928. They are buried in the Wilmington Cemetery. Mr. Hynd was a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church. He also belonged to the Masonic Lodge and Modern Woodmen of America. To Mr. and Mrs. Hynd were born two sons: Truby, the subject of this sketch; and Marshall, who is also identified with the Hynd Bottling Works.

Truby Hynd grew up at Braidwood and received his education in the public schools. Throughout his life he has been associated with the business which was established by his father so many years ago. He and his brother are now sole owners of the enterprise.

In 1923 Mr. Hynd was united in marriage with Miss Bernice Underwood, who was born in Grundy County, Ill., Oct. 16, 1905, the daughter of Martin and Elizabeth (Dunn) Underwood. Mr. and Mrs. Underwood, born in Grundy County, were the parents of the following children: Mabel, married William Taylor, lives in Nebraska; George, lives at Wilmington; Molly, married Charles Trimple, lives at Pekin, Ill.; Bessie, married James Allen, lives at Galesburg, Ill.; Bernice Hynd; Lawrence, student; and Stella, deceased. Mr. Underwood is a well known farmer

of Custer Township, Will County, where he is the owner of 160 acres of land. Mr. and Mrs. Hynd have a son, Dean Truby, who was born June 10, 1924.

Mr. Hynd is a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian church.

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**Dominick Cinotto** is well and favorably known at Braidwood, where he has spent his entire life. He was born Nov. 19, 1881, the son of Anton and Madeline (Fassino) Cinotto.

Anton Cinotto was born in Italy and came to the United States in 1879. He located at Braidwood, where he was employed in the coal mines. Later he established a grocery business at Center and Main streets, which he owned for a quarter of a century. He was also the owner of 160 acres of well improved land in North Dakota. Mr. Cinotto died in August, 1917, and is buried at Wilmington. His widow lives at Braidwood. Mr. Cinotto was a Republican, a member of the Catholic Church, and belonged to the Knights of Pythias and American Order of Foresters. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Cinotto, as follows: Dominick, the subject of this sketch; Simon, lives at Wilmington; Mary, married John Jeffry, lives at Joliet; Catherine, unmarried, lives at Joliet; Rose, married Bernard Callahan, lives near Custer, Ill.; John, lives at Braidwood; Anna, lives at home; and Lucy, married Timothy Murphy, lives at Joliet.

Dominick Cinotto received his education in the public schools of Braidwood and was employed in his father's grocery store as a clerk for a period of 25 years. He then was connected with the signal department of the M. C. & A. Railroad for a short time, after which he entered the employ of Peter Rossi & Sons, of Braidwood. While employed in their factory he met with a serious accident and suffered the loss of his right arm in November, 1923. After his recovery, Mr. Cinotto went with the Chicago & Alton Railroad in 1925 as crossing watchman. He served as city commissioner from 1922 until 1926, and as deputy sheriff for four years. In 1922 Mr. Cinotto was elected supervisor of Reed Township and he still serves in that capacity. The family residence is on South Center Street.

On Nov. 16, 1909, Mr. Cinotto was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Pommatto, who was born at Braidwood, July 9, 1887, the daughter of Joseph and Marie (Falletti) Pommatto, natives of Italy and early settlers of Braidwood. Mr. Pommatto lives retired at LaSalle,

Ill. His wife died May 20, 1916, and is buried at Braidwood. There are seven children in the Pommatto family, as follows: Steven, lives at LaSalle; Kate, married Dominick Berta, lives in Will County; Emma, married Dominick Perardi, lives at LaSalle; Annie, married James Osborn, lives at Gillespie, Ill.; Mary, married Charles Dillon, lives at Braidwood; Margaret Cinotto; and Jennie, married John Wilson, lives at Wilmington. To Mr. and Mrs. Cinotto have been born two daughters: Beulah Rose, born Aug. 13, 1911, attends high school; and Madeline Marie, born Dec. 1, 1913, also attends high school.

Mr. Cinotto is a staunch Republican and holds membership in the Catholic Church.

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S. L. Wylie is a leading figure among the successful business men of Plainfield, where he is engaged in the grocery and meat business. He was born on a farm in Joliet Township, Will County, Nov. 19, 1867, the son of William and Martha (Glasgow) Wylie.

William Wylie, deceased, was a native of Ireland. About 1860 he emigrated to the United States and settled in Will County, where he engaged in general farming and stock raising. He met with success and became one of the prosperous men of Kendall County. He retired about 1907 and lived with his son, S. L., until the time of his death, which occurred in 1924, at the age of 84 years. To William and Martha (Glasgow) Wylie were born seven children, as follows: Catherine, married George Williams, lives at Gardner, Ill.; William, lives in Chicago; S. L., the subject of this sketch; Samuel James, lives in Chicago; Margaret, died in Los Angeles, Calif., was the wife of Charles Letson; John H., lives in Chicago; and Jesse C., lives at LaGrange, Ill. The mother of these children, a native of Ireland, died in 1880 at the age of 39 years. Mr. Wylie was married the second time to Miss Catherine Fanning, a native of Massachusetts. She died in 1903. There were no children born to this union.

The boyhood of S. L. Wylie was spent on the farm in Kendall County and he received his education in the district schools. When 22 years of age Mr. Wylie went to Chicago, where he remained until 1893. He then located in Plainfield, where he became interested in the ice cream and candy business with his brother-in-law, William Upton. They continued this partnership for six years, and after disposing of his interest to Mr. Upton Mr. Wylie formed a partnership with Edwin Whitley. They conducted a grocery business together for twenty years and were

also dealers in men's furnishings. In 1919 Mr. Wylie purchased the building in which his present business is located and since that date has conducted a grocery and meat business at that address. He is most successful in his business relations and has a well established trade.

On Sept. 5, 1893, Mr. Wylie was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Upton, of Chicago, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Upton, early settlers of Lockport and Plainfield. To them were born seven children, as follows: William Upton, merchant, lives at Wheaton, Ill.; Martha, lives in Chicago; Lawrence S., connected with the Chicago Telephone Company, lives in Joliet; Harold C., lives at Harvey, Ill.; Allen James, attends the University of Illinois; Catherine I., a teacher in the Plainfield schools; and June B., attends the University of Illinois.

Mr. Wylie is a Republican and has held several public offices. He was village clerk for 12 years and in 1913 was elected mayor of Plainfield, which office he filled continuously for ten years. He has also served as township treasurer since 1912. Mr. Wylie and his family hold membership in the Congregational Church and he is affiliated with A. F. and A. M. Lodge No. 536, of which he has served as Past Master. He is also a charter member of the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Wylie has always been a public spirited citizen and takes an active interest in all civic affairs. He has served as President of the Plainfield Library Board since its organization and takes an active interest in it.

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**John N. Nelson** is among the highly successful and widely known business men of Joliet, where he is interested in the insurance business as a representative for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. He was born at Campus, Ill., July 12, 1883, the son of Ole and Matilda (Polson) Nelson.

Ole Nelson came to the United States from Sweden, where he was born, and settled in Livingston County, Ill. In 1899 he removed to Braidwood, where he engaged in general farming and stock raising. While a resident of Campus, Ill., he was the proprietor of a hotel. He now lives retired at Wilmington. Mr. Nelson is a Republican and has held several township offices. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church. They have four children: John N., the subject of this sketch; Arthur H., cashier of the First National Bank, Braidwood; Blenda, married A. P. Oswald, lives at Wilmington; and Esther, married J. R. Patterson, lives at Braidwood.

John N. Nelson received his education in the public schools of Campus and for several years worked on his father's farm in Reed Township. He spent a year at Aberdeen, S. D., and upon his return to Will County located at Joliet, where he was employed by the Western United Gas & Electric Company for two years. Then he went with the Illinois Steel Company of South Chicago and served as a steel inspector for one year. He was identified with the Peoples Gas & Light Company, Chicago, for four years as an inspector, and in July, 1918, became associated with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company as a salesman. He lives at Braidwood.

On Jan. 22, 1913, Mr. Nelson married Miss Pauline V. Wiborg, who was born in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson have no children.

Politically, Mr. Nelson is identified with the Republican party. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge and Knights of Pythias. He is secretary of the Reed Custer High School Board and is active in the civic and social life of Braidwood.

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Patrick Muldowney, deceased, was a well known pioneer of Will County. He was born in Ireland and early in life came to the United States and settled at Pottsville, Pa. He enlisted in the Civil War at Tremont, Pa, in 1862 and served in Company H, 176th Volunteer Infantry. In 1866 he moved to Braidwood, Ill., where he was employed in the coal mines. Later he served as Marshall of Braidwood for two years. He died in 1878 and is buried at Wilmington.

Mr. Muldowney married Miss Annie Delaney, a native of Pennsylvania, who died Sept. 27, 1927. She is buried at Wilmington. To Mr. and Mrs. Muldowney were born nine children, as follows: John, lives at Braidwood; Patrick; Mary; Thomas, who died in 1918; Alice, mention of whom is made below; and Joseph. All are residents of Braidwood. Edward, Luke and William, deceased.

Mr. Muldowney was a member of the Catholic Church and was active in the life of the community in which he spent so many years.

Alice Muldowney was reared and educated at Braidwood, and for many years has been connected with the local schools as a teacher. She is now principal of the lower Braidwood schools. Her brother, John, has served as a member of the school board for a period of 40 years.

**Dr. E. A. Kingston**, who has been engaged in the practice of his profession at Lockport for the past 25 years, is among the leading physicians and surgeons of Will County. He was born in Ontario, Canada, Oct. 30, 1876.

The early education of E. A. Kingston was obtained in the public schools. He then attended Picton Collegiate Institute and in 1901 he was graduated from Queen's University at Kingston, Canada, and in 1903 received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the University of Illinois. During that year he established his present practice in Lockport.

On Oct. 7, 1903, Dr. Kingston was united in marriage with Miss Lenna G. Burr, of Ontario, Canada. They have a daughter, Marjorie Burr Kingston, who was graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1927.

Dr. Kingston is identified with the Will County Medical Society, Illinois State Medical Society, American Medical Association, and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He is a Republican and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge. In 1920 Dr. Kingston was elected coroner of Will County, and reelected in 1924 to the same office, and was nominated for the office again in 1928.

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**Lee B. Overman**, who is successfully engaged in the real estate and loan business at Plainfield, ranks high among the representative men of Will County. He was born on a farm in Muscatine County, Iowa, Oct. 23, 1854, the son of L. B. and Mary L. (Brock) Overman.

L. B. Overman, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil and Mexican Wars. He was born in southern Ohio in 1820 and died in Iowa in 1893. Mr. Overman went to Iowa in 1844 and followed general farming. He was also a cabinet maker. He served throughout the Civil War with a regiment from Iowa. His wife, a native of Canton, Ill., died in 1913 at the age of 87 years. To Mr. and Mrs. Overman were born seven children, two of whom survive: Lee B., the subject of this sketch; and John W., who lives at Plainfield.

After completing his schooling in the district schools of Iowa, Lee B. Overman clerked in a store. He spent 25 years in the mercantile business. In 1879 came to Joliet, where he entered the employ of N. D. Dyer & Company, dry goods merchants. The following year he came to Plainfield, and spent ten years as a clerk for G. N. Chittenden & Company. He then engaged in the mercantile business and operated





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a store successfully here until the disastrous fire, which wiped out the entire northside of the street on which his store was located. The following year he again established a dry goods business in this city, which he conducted for five years. He then removed to Plainfield Township in 1897 and operated his wife's farm. Mr. Overman became one of the leading stockmen of the county and for 14 years was widely known as a breeder of Durham cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs. In 1911 he returned to Plainfield and since that date has been interested in the real estate and loan business. He makes a specialty of farm properties and handles the majority of land sales of this type in this section of the State.

On Nov. 6, 1884, Mr. Overman married Miss Harriet Hyland, who was born on a farm near Plainfield, March 23, 1864, the daughter of Granville and Mahalie (Cropsey) Hyland. The Hyland and Cropsey families are among the oldest families of Will County and are prominent citizens. Mr. and Mrs. Overman have two sons: Guy H. and Warren W. The latter resides in Indiana.

Mr. Overman has always been a Republican and for the past 12 years has served as justice of the peace. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Guy H. Overman, a leading farmer of Plainfield Township, was born at Plainfield. He spent his boyhood here and is a graduate of Plainfield High School and Joliet Business College. He has managed the Hyland farm in Plainfield Township since 1911. He is extensively engaged in the dairy business and owns one of the finest herds of Jersey cattle in this part of the country.

Mr. Overman was married to Miss Maude Van Dyke, a native of Kendall County, Ill., and the daughter of the late Sidney Van Dyke. They have five children: Robert, Van, Marcia, Harriet, and Wayne.

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**Avery F. Lambert**, president of the Plainfield State Bank, is one of the prominent figures in the business life of Will County, and a man who is highly esteemed in the community in which he lives. He was born in Plainfield Township, Will County, April 25, 1864, the son of George and Kerenhappuch (Bird) Lambert.

George Lambert, deceased, was a prominent pioneer of Will County. He was born in Lincolnshire, England, July 1, 1829, and in the fall of 1849 made the voyage to this country from Liverpool, England. The entire trip to Lockport, Ill., was made by water as it was before the

time of the Chicago & Alton Railroad. Mr. Lambert worked as a farm-hand for Squire Hamlin, and received \$12.00 per month for his services. He saved his money and soon was able to purchase a small tract of land in Will County. Later he owned 80 acres in Plainfield Township and finally became the owner of 160 acres of fine farm land, which is now part of the Lambert estate. Mr. Lambert was living retired at the time of his death. His wife, who was born in England, in September, 1833, is also deceased. She was three years old when her family went to Canada and about 15 years later they came to Illinois and settled at Plainfield. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lambert were life long members of the Methodist Church. They were the parents of ten children, six of whom survive. Avery F., the subject of this sketch, was fifth in order of birth.

Avery F. Lambert grew up on his father's farm and attended the district schools. He also was a student at Northwestern College at Naperville, Ill. Mr. Lambert followed farming until 1906 and then engaged in business at Plainfield. He has been connected with the Plainfield State Bank since May, 1913, and served as vice president of the institution from 1914 until 1924, at which time he was elected president.

On Sept. 14, 1892, Mr. Lambert was united in marriage with Miss Carrie E. Tyler, of Plainfield, the daughter of A. H. and Ann L. (Dunlap) Tyler, early settlers of Will County. Mr. Lambert died July 12, 1925, leaving a son, Burton A., who lives at Plainfield. He is employed by the Public Service Company. On Nov. 5, 1927, Mr. Lambert married Miss Vera B. Collett, of Lovington, Ill.

Mr. Lambert has always been a Republican. He held the office of supervisor of Plainfield Township from 1913 until 1924 and has been active in local politics. He is a member of the Congregational Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge.

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**The Plainfield State Bank.**—Much of the essential banking history of the city of Plainfield is involved in the record of the Plainfield State Bank. It was organized in May, 1913, with a capital stock of \$25,000, and began business on June 7, 1913. It was founded by Ralph N. Bal-lou and C. M. Wolf, and the first officers were: John Patterson, president; and Fred Haag, vice president. John Patterson was the predecessor of Charles Frazer, who served as president of the institution from

March 13, 1916, until his death in 1923. A. F. Lambert has occupied the presidency of the institution since March 17, 1924. J. A. Henebry was made honorary vice president.

The members of the original board of directors were Fred Haag, John Patterson, O. G. Brown, Fred Tuttle, and M. G. Van Horn.

On Feb. 25, 1914, the capital stock was increased to \$50,000. The bank was located in a rented structure on Lockport Street in Plainfield until 1916 when it erected a modern bank building at a cost of \$30,000. The present officers are: A. F. Lambert, president; R. M. Ballou, and J. A. Henebry, vice presidents; C. M. Wolf, cashier; Earl H. Van Dyke and Mrs. Lucy O'Toole, assistant cashiers.

The statement of the bank for Feb. 28, 1928, is as follows: Resources: loans and discounts, \$402,080.76; bonds, \$125,478.30; cash and due from banks, \$107,162.33; banking house and furniture, \$15,347.15; total, \$650,068.54. Liabilities: Capital stock, \$50,000.00; Surplus, \$20,000.00; undivided profits net, \$6,938.04; deposits, \$556,347.53; reserve, \$6,661.97; dividends unpaid, \$121.00; total \$650,068.54.

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**W. H. Cryder.**—One of the substantial citizens of Plainfield Township, is W. H. Cryder, who is president of the Plainfield Grain Company and a director of the Plainfield State Bank. He was born in Grundy County, Ill., Oct. 28, 1860, the son of Henry and Mary E. (VanCleve) Cryder.

Henry Cryder was born in Blair County, Pa., and his wife was a native of Trenton, N. J. He was 12 years old when his family came west and settled in Illinois, where he later engaged in general farming and stock raising. To Mr. and Mrs. Cryder were born four children: F. A., farmer, lives on the old homestead in Grundy County, Ill.; W. H., the subject of this sketch; I. V., farmer, lives in Kendall County, Ill.; and Mrs. Ella E. VanDyke, widow of Charles Albert Van Dyke, lives at Plainfield.

W. H. Cryder was educated in the district schools of Grundy County and in 1881 was graduated from the normal school at Morris, Ill. He spent two years in the teaching profession and then engaged in general farming and stock raising in Kendall County, where he purchased 160 acres of land. In 1890 he came to Will County and bought 240 acres of land in Sections 33 and 34. He made many improvements on the place, erected numerous buildings, at the same time adding to his

holdings from time to time until he is now the owner of 412 acres in Plainfield Township. Mr. Cryder is widely known as a breeder of fine stock. He is assisted on his farms by his son, John H., and son-in-law, Howard Phelps.

On Oct. 9, 1889, Mr. Cryder was united in marriage with Miss Lucena Bronk, who was born in Kendall County, Ill., May 24, 1871, the daughter of John and Kate I (VanDyke) Bronk. Mrs. Bronk died Oct. 28, 1927, in Grundy County, Ill. Throughout her life she was active in church work and was a life long member of the Congregational Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Cryder were born two children: M. Edna, married Howard Phelps, lives at home, and they have four children, John, Norma, Mary and William; and John H., farmer, lives at home. He married Miss Helen Barnes, and they have three children, John H., Jr., Robert, and Lucena.

Mr. Cryder is a member of the Congregational Church and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge. He is a Republican in politics and has served as a member of the school board as township assessor.

Mr. Cryder was one of the organizers of the Plainfield State Bank in 1913. He was also one of the founders of the Plainfield Grain Company, of which he has served as president since its organization.

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**Earl H. Van Dyke.**—Prominent among the successful young business men of Plainfield may be mentioned Mr. Van Dyke, who is assistant cashier of the Plainfield State Bank. He is also interested in the real estate and loan business. Mr. Van Dyke was born in Kendall County, Ill., March 20, 1893, the son of Charles A. and Ella E. (Cryder) Van Dyke.

Charles A. Van Dyke was born in Kendall County, Ill., Aug. 2, 1865. He was a farmer throughout his active career and in 1907 came to Plainfield, where he lived retired until the time of his death in 1911. His wife, who was born in Kendall County, Ill., April 18, 1866, was the daughter of Henry and Mary (Van Cleve) Cryder. To Mr. and Mrs. Van Dyke one child was born, Earl H., the subject of this sketch.

Earl H. Van Dyke received his education in the public schools of Plainfield and in 1912 was graduated from high school. He then attended the University of Illinois, from which he received his B. S. degree in 1917. Since that date Mr. Van Dyke has been identified with the Plainfield State Bank as assistant cashier and director. In 1928

he opened offices in Plainfield, where he carries on a large volume of business in mortgages, insurance, and loans. He is also interested in the real estate business.

On Aug. 2, 1917, Mr. Van Dyke was united in marriage with Miss Bessie M. Pike, who was born at Plainfield, Feb. 6, 1893, the daughter of Edgar J. and Carrie (Evans) Pike, natives of Plainfield. Mrs. Van Dyke is a graduate of Plainfield High School and attended the University of Illinois and Northwestern University. She is also a graduate of the Columbian Conservatory of Music.

Politically, Mr. Van Dyke is a Republican. He holds membership in the Congregational Church, of which he is treasurer, and he also belongs to A. F. and A. M. No. 536, Joliet Chapter No. 27, and Delta Sigma Phi fraternity.

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**C. F. Hartong**, secretary and treasurer of the Plainfield Grain Company, is a leading business man of this city, and a member of one of the oldest and best known families of Will County. He was born at Odell, Ill., Dec. 5, 1872, a son of Franklin and Eliza (Sensenbaugh) Hartong.

Franklin Hartong, deceased, was a native of Ohio. He was born near Akron, the son of Jacob Hartong, who came to Ohio from Center County, Pa., during the early days. Franklin Hartong removed to Illinois in 1859 and engaged in general farming and stock raising in Tazewell County. He later owned a farm of 120 acres in Odell, Livingston County. In 1875 he moved to Lockport Township where he farmed and owned 120 acres of land. In 1900 he retired and moved to Plainfield where he died July 12, 1914, at the age of 73 years. His wife was born near Akron, Ohio, and was 12 years old when her family came to Illinois and settled in Tazewell County. She died Feb. 10, 1920, at the age of 72 years. Her parents, Mathias and Elizabeth Sensebaugh, settled in Will County in 1862. To Franklin and Eliza (Sensebaugh) Hartong six children were born, as follows: Luella, the widow of John W. Prescott, lives at Plainfield; Jennie, the widow of Ira E. Evans, lives at Aurora, Ill.; C. F., the subject of this sketch; Jacob, deceased; John W., lives at Indianapolis, Ind.; and Orva L., married Fred S. Pratt, lives at Plainfield.

C. F. Hartong spent his boyhood on his father's farm and obtained his education in the district schools of Lockport Township, and also the Plainfield High School. Mr. Hartong learned the carpenter trade, which he followed for 12 years, and in 1904 he engaged in farming in

Plainfield Township, having rented the farm of Elisha Brown, which he occupied for 20 years. Mr. Hartong became widely known throughout Will County as a breeder of hogs. From 1924 until 1926 he was associated in the contracting business with H. A. Goodson, and in 1926 became identified with the lumber and building department of the Plainfield Grain Company. He was made secretary and treasurer of the business, at the time of the organization in 1911, which office he now holds.

Mr. Hartong was married Feb. 27, 1904, to Miss Ida L. Patterson, of DuPage Township, Will County, the daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Sinton) Patterson, both deceased. They have a son, Franklin Robert, born Jan. 31, 1918.

Mr. Hartong is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and is affiliated with A. F. and A. M. No. 536, Plainfield, and is also a member of the Council, Joliet, Chapter, Commandery, and Shrine at Springfield, Ill. He also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America.

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**Merton G. Van Horn** is one of the representative farmers and stockmen of Plainfield Township and a member of one of the oldest and best known families of Will County. He was born on the farm where he now resides, April 15, 1873, the son of John and Frances (Elwell) Van Horn.

John Van Horn was born in New Jersey, May 17, 1834, and died March 28, 1920. He came to Will County in 1843 with his parents, Cornelius G. and Ann (Van Houton) Van Horn. Cornelius G. Van Horn became a prosperous farmer of Plainfield Township, improving the land which is still part of the Van Horn homestead. He died May 8, 1877, and his wife died April 15, 1872. They were the parents of 12 children, of whom John, father of the subject of this sketch, was the seventh in order of birth. He was married, June 4, 1872, to Miss Frances Elwell, who was born at South Shaftsbury, Vt., Oct. 16, 1839. She died Feb. 29, 1916. Merton G. was their only child.

Merton G. Van Horn has always lived on the old homestead in Plainfield Township, which is known as "Oak Lawn Farm." He received his early education in the public schools of Plainfield and in 1893 was graduated from Joliet Township High School. He then attended the University of Illinois for two years. Mr. Van Horn has devoted his entire life to farming, stock raising and feeding of live stock for the markets. He is a stockholder in the Plainfield Grain Company, the



Plainfield State Bank, the Joliet National Bank, and the Will County Farm Bureau.

On Dec. 28, 1905, Mr. Van Horn was united in marriage with Miss Kathryn Bardwell, who was born in Wilmington, Ill., May 5, 1875, the daughter of Fred and Mary (Connor) Bardwell, the former a native of England and the latter of Ireland. Mr. Bardwell studied pharmacy in England but after coming to the United States engaged in general farming in Will County. He also taught school during the winter months. To Mr. and Mrs. Van Horn have been born four children: Mary Frances, a graduate of Joliet Township High School and Joliet Junior College, now a teacher in the Marseilles grade school; John B., Carl, and Andrew A., all at home.

Mrs. Van Horn is president of the Will County Home Improvement Club and president of the Household Science Department of Will County, of which she has been a member since 1912. She is also chancellor of the Royal Neighbors of America and a member of the Ancient Order of Gleaners. She is active on the board of the Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mr. Van Horn is independent in politics and his wife is a staunch Republican. He holds membership in the Congregational Church, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias, of which he is a charter member. The Van Horn farm has been in the family for five generations.

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**E. R. McClellan**, retired, is a well known resident of Plainfield and a member of one of the oldest families of Will County. He was born in Plainfield Township, Oct. 26, 1860, the son of John and Arathusa (Brown) McClellan.

John McClellan was born in Massachusetts, Nov. 16, 1826. He came to Will County in 1854 and became one of the most prosperous farmers of Plainfield Township, where he died Dec. 12, 1906. He served as road commissioner for 24 years. His wife was born Dec. 25, 1826, and died April 4, 1904. E. R., the subject of this sketch, was their only child.

E. R. McClellan spent his boyhood on his father's farm and attended the district schools of Plainfield Township. He was also a student at the private school of Sarah McIntosh, which was located in the old National Hotel Building, Joliet. He attended college at Niles, Mich., and upon his return to Plainfield Township became interested in general

farming and stock raising on the home place. At the time of his retirement in 1915 he was the owner of 260 acres of well improved land.

In November, 1883, Mr. McClellan married Miss Carrie Allen McAllister, of Plainfield Township, the daughter of Edward and Fannie (Beebe) McAllister, early settlers of Will County. Mrs. McClellan died Nov. 17, 1913, leaving three children: Inez, married Sterling Patterson, lives in Wheatland Township, and they have a daughter, Jane; Vera married T. J. Morse, lives in Los Angeles, Calif., and they have two children, Catherine and Thomas E.; and John R., lives at Hammond, Ind. Mr. McClellan was married the second time, June 1, 1916, to Miss Ada Latham, of Florence, Ky., the daughter of John and Mary (Kenyon) Latham, natives of Virginia and Kentucky respectively. Mr. Latham is deceased and his widow lives at Covington, Ky.

Mr. McClellan is a Republican. His attractive home, built in 1926, is located on the Lincoln Highway, seven miles from Joliet.

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James M. Crabb, Sr., is among the highly esteemed and well known citizens of Lockport, where he has been in the employ of the Illinois Steel Company for the past 35 years. He was born in Scotland, April 26, 1866, the son of William and Elizabeth (Moir) Crabb.

William Crabb was a farmer and spent his entire life in Scotland. He died in 1884 and his wife died in March, 1912. They were members of the Presbyterian church and the parents of 11 children, of whom James M., the subject of this sketch, was the eighth in order of birth.

James M. Crabb attended the schools of his native land and in 1888 came to the United States. He settled in Chicago and two years later moved to Aurora, Ill., where he spent seven years in the employ of the MacDonald Company, manufacturers. He came to Joliet in 1894 and entered the employ of the Illinois Steel Company. In 1910 he became master mechanic at the company's coke ovens in Lockport Township.

In 1892 Mr. Crabb was united in marriage with Miss Ida Mae Allord, of Aurora, Ill., born July 10, 1874. They have six children, as follows: William Gilroy, born Sept. 8, 1893, lives at Cleveland, Ohio, married Miss Elizabeth Boland and they have two children: William, born May 5, 1917, and Jeanne, born April 7, 1920; (2) James, born in July, 1895, lives at Lockport, is a veteran of the World War, married Miss Margaret Connell, and they have two children: Mavis, born May 3, 1921; and Moir, born Aug. 21, 1922. (3) Thomas R., born April 17, 1897,



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lives at Lockport, is a veteran of the World War, having served in the Canal Zone with the Third Coast Artillery; (4) Marie Elizabeth, born in June, 1898, married Reuben N. Haglund, lives at Joliet. (5) Margaret L., born in August, 1908, married L. K. Etheridge, lives at Lockport. (6) Georgene, born June 30, 1917, lives at home.

Mr. Crabb is justice of the peace at Lockport and is also serving as a member of the local school board. He is identified with the Republican party in politics, holds membership in the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Masonic lodge, having been made Master Mason in Scotland. He also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America.

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**Lewis Pearson**, retired, is among the well known and highly esteemed men of Plainfield. He was born in Sweden, April 8, 1851, the son of Peter and Mary (Peterson) Pearson.

Both Peter Pearson and his wife were natives of Sweden. They came to the United States in 1860 and settled in Kendall County, Ill., where they died. They were the parents of six children, of whom Lewis, the subject of this sketch, was the third in order of birth.

Lewis Pearson was a small child when his family settled in Kendall County. He attended the district schools and remained on the home place until 1888, at which time he purchased a tract of 160 acres near the family homestead. He improved the land and became one of the prosperous farmers of that section. Mr. Pearson remained there until the time of his retirement in 1911. He then removed to Plainfield, where he has since lived retired.

On Jan. 14, 1875, Mr. Pearson married Miss Carrie Essington, the daughter of George and Sarah (Scott) Essington. Mrs. Pearson, a native of England, was two years old when her mother died. Her father later married Mrs. Mary Buffham. They were early settlers of Plainfield, where Mr. Essington followed his trade as a blacksmith. Both he and his wife are deceased and are buried in the Plainfield Cemetery. To Mr. and Mrs. Pearson were born four children: Maud, married Frank Fiddymont, lives in Kendall County; Mary, married Henry Wheeler, lives in Kendall County; Edward, lives on the old homestead; and Alice, married James Bundy, lives in Plainfield Township. There are 15 grandchildren.

Mr. Pearson is a Republican, and has served as township school director. He holds membership in the Methodist Church.

**George Warner Young.**—Able, resourceful and experienced, George Warner Young is one of the best representatives of his profession practicing at the bar of Joliet, and his prestige is not confined to local bounds, but extends over a wide territory and he is connected with some of the most important jurisprudence of the State. He was born at Manhattan, Will County, March 25, 1866, the son of Edward and Anna Eliza (Hoyt) Young.

Edward Young was born at Durham, N. Y. In 1847 he came to Will County with his parents. In early life he engaged in general farming and in 1876 became interested in the grain business in Joliet and became one of the city's most progressive business men. For many years he was vestryman and junior warden of Christ Episcopal Church at Joliet. In 1865 he married Ann Eliza Hoyt, who was born at Ridgefield, Conn., June 15, 1839, a daughter of Rev. Warner and Elizabeth P. (Reynolds) Hoyt. To this union six children were born: George Warner, the subject of this sketch; Rev. Charles Herbert; John Mansfield; Heusted Thompson; Francis Edward; and Margaret Hoyt Young.

Edward Young was the son of John and Caroline Elizabeth (Thompson) Young. John Young was born July 18, 1798, at New Paltz, on the Hudson. He was well educated and for many years was president of the Brooklyn Collegiate Institute. In 1848 he came to Illinois and settled at Manhattan Center, Will County. He gave the name to that town and served as supervisor for eight years. He was also the first president of the Will County Agricultural Society. He died Dec. 24, 1884. He married in 1825 Caroline Elizabeth Thompson, the daughter of Rev. James and Anna (Humphreys) Thompson. Caroline Young was instrumental in building the Episcopal Church at Manhattan. Anna Humphreys was the daughter of Major Elijah Humphreys, who served in a Connecticut regiment during the Revolutionary War. He married Anna Mansfield, a daughter of the celebrated Rev. Dr. Richard Mansfield, field, of Derby, Conn. Gen. David Humphreys was a brother of Major Humphreys, who served on Washington's staff, and he was the first American minister to Spain. He was the man who introduced merino sheep in America.

John Young was the son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Lawrence) Young. He was a celebrated Hicksite Quaker preacher. Their ancestral line goes back to Rev. John Young, a missionary of the church of England. He settled in Sag Harbor, on Long Island, about 1640.

George Warner Young's education was given him partly by his grandfather, as well as private tutors. He also attended the Joliet pub-

lic schools. At the age of 16 years he began his career driving a delivery wagon, and later clerked in a local store. He was then employed in the offices of the old Chicago, Pekin & Southwestern Railroad, and in 1883, entered the offices of the Joliet Republican and Sun under Major Robert Mann Woods. Two years later he entered the Law School of Columbia University from which he was graduated in 1887. He was admitted to the bar in 1887 and spent the following three years in the law offices of Judge Olin and Captain Phelps. He formed a partnership in 1892 with G. J. Cowing, which continued until 1906, at which time Mr. Cowing was elected county Judge. Mr. Young has since engaged in private practice and has offices in the Morris Building.

On Sept. 5, 1889, Mr. Young married Miss Corabelle Beers Rugar, the daughter of Capt. Francis and Elizabeth (Beers) Rugar. Captain Rugar was a cousin of General Thomas Rugar, of the U. S. Army and of William Rugar, Chief Justice of the State of New York. This family is of German ancestry. Capt. Rugar settled at Galesburg, Ill, in 1852, and was a merchant. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in the 64th Illinois Regiment.

To George Warner and Corabelle B. (Rugar) Young were born three children: Rugar, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history; Elizabeth, born April 30, 1897, died July 5, 1923, and Warner Rugar, born July 2, 1895, died July 15, 1896.

Mr. Young is a Republican. He has served as president of the Joliet Improvement Association, president of the University Extension Circle, chairman of the Industrial Committee of the Commercial Club, secretary of the Deepwaterway Committee, and president of the Elmhurst Cemetery Association.

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**John R. Birkett** is a substantial and well known citizen of Plainfield, where he is mayor. He was born in Wheatland Township, Will County, Dec. 1, 1868, the son of Daniel R. and Janet (Small) Birkett.

The Birkett family is one of the oldest families of Will County, Daniel Birkett, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, having settled here during the early days. He was a native of England. Daniel and Anne Birkett were the parents of seven children, Daniel R., being their only son. He was born at Plainfield in 1844 and died Aug. 17, 1918. He was well known throughout this section as a veterinarian and also engaged in general farming and stock raising. Janet (Small) Birkett was a native of Scotland and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Small. She

died in 1871 at the age of 28 years. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Birkett: John R., the subject of this sketch; and Anna, married James Chaplin, lives in Wheatland Township.

John R. Birkett attended the district schools of Wheatland Township and early in life became interested in farming. In 1906 he purchased 160 acres of land which he improved. He now owns 197 acres, which is being operated by his son, Reese Birkett. Mr. Birkett has lived in Plainfield since 1924. He is a stockholder in the Plainfield Grain Company and is serving as village trustee, being elected to that office in 1926, and was elected mayor of Plainfield, September, 1928.

On April 5, 1894, Mr. Birkett was united in marriage with Miss Lavina Sharp, of Plainfield, the daughter of James and Elizabeth (Jones) Sharp, natives of England. Mrs. Birkett died Jan. 8, 1922, at the age of 49 years. There are four children in the Birkett family: James R., deceased; Janet Elizabeth, deceased; Reece L., lives in Plainfield Township; and Merrill B., lives at Joliet where he is employed by the Joliet Steel Company.

On Oct. 1, 1924, Mr. Birkett married Mrs. Belle Heggie, of Joliet, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melcher, and the widow of James M. Heggie. By her former marriage Mrs. Birkett has two daughters: Janet Ruth, who attends the University of Illinois; and Virginia, at home.

Mr. Birkett is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias and Modern Woodmen of America.

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**Clyde G. Essington**, undertaker, is among the capable and well known business men of Joliet. He was born in Plainfield Township, Will County, Oct. 14, 1885, the son of Albert and Mina (Becker) Essington.

Albert Essington, deceased, was a native of Will County and a member of one of the earliest families in this section. He was born June 30, 1859, the son of George and Mary (Buffham) Essington, natives of England. The Essingtons settled in Will County in 1856. Albert Essington, farmer, died Nov. 28, 1925. His wife was born in Kendall County, Ill., Sept. 23, 1867. She resides at Plainfield. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Essington: Clyde G., the subject of this sketch; and Elmer R., who lives in Joliet.

Clyde G. Essington was reared and educated at Plainfield. Following his graduation from Joliet Township High School in 1903 he entered



the employ of Wertzbaugher & Schuennaman, grocers, and two years later went with Bayles & Essington. In 1915 he became connected with the Barrett Hardware Company in Joliet, in charge of the shipping department, and remained with that concern until 1927, at which time he engaged in the undertaking business in Joliet in partnership with his brother. They have a fine funeral home which is modern and attractive in its appointments.

On Oct. 25, 1911, Mr. Essington married Miss Olive Pearl Gaylord, of Lockport, Ill., the daughter of Eddie H. and Agnes (Spangler) Gaylord, natives of Kendall County and Will County respectively. Mr. Gaylord is deceased and his widow lives with the Essington family. To Mr. and Mrs. Essington has been born a daughter, Ruth Ada, who was born March 10, 1921.

Mr. Essington is a Republican and is now holding the office of alderman of Plainfield. He is a trustee of the Methodist Church, and is affiliated with A. F. & A. M. No. 536, Plainfield, and Eastern Star No. 239.

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**Alphons J. Weber** is among the popular merchants of Joliet, where he conducts a dairy business which was established by his father 35 years ago. He was born in Switzerland and is a son of John Jacob and Ida (Brendle) Weber.

John Jacob Weber came to the United States from Switzerland with his family in 1884 and settled in Will County, where he engaged in general farming. After several years he removed to Joliet and purchased a small farm on the outskirts of the city. In 1887 he started in the dairy business on a small scale and five years later had succeeded in developing a good business. He died in 1918 and is buried in St. John's Cemetery, Joliet. His wife, who was born in Alsace-Lorraine, died in 1923. To Mr. and Mrs. Weber were born eight children, of whom Alphons was the oldest.

Alphons J. Weber spent his boyhood in Switzerland and received his early education there. He completed his schooling in Joliet at an early age became associated with his father's business. The Weber Dairy which is located at 505 West Jefferson Street, carries on an extensive wholesale and retail trade and are manufacturers of butter and cheese.

On Oct. 3, 1896, Mr. Weber married Miss Veronica Seiler, of Joliet. They have five children: George, who is connected with his father's

business; Elmer, manager of the dairy business, lives in Joliet; Otto, lives in Joliet, married Miss Marie Wagner, and they have a son, William; John, and Edna, both students. Elmer and Otto Weber are also associated with the Weber Dairy Company.

Politically Mr. Weber is identified with the Democratic party. He is a member of St. John's Catholic Church and belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose and Chamber of Commerce.

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**Walter H. Baumgartner**, of Frankfort, is a native of Illinois, and an energetic and enterprising business man, being secretary and treasurer of Baumgartner & Company. He was born at Frankfort, March 13, 1884, the son of Albert R. and Catherine (Schieferstein) Baumgartner.

Albert R. Baumgartner was born in Frankfort, June 16, 1860. He was a son of John and Mary Baumgartner, natives of Switzerland, and early settlers of Frankfort Township, where John Baumgartner was engaged in farming. Albert R. Baumgartner grew up on his father's farm and attended the public schools of Frankfort Township, after which he engaged in farming and met with success. In 1914 he retired from the farm and removed to Frankfort and with his sons, Walter H. and William A., organized the Baumgartner & Company, and he was elected president. Mr. Baumgartner is a Democrat, a member of St. Peter's Evangelical Church, and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America.

To Albert R. and Catherine (Schieferstein) Baumgartner eight children were born: Alfred A., a plaster contractor, Virginia, Minn.; Walter H., the subject of this sketch; Rose, married Floyd Lucas, Oak Park, Ill.; Mabel, married Edward Wunderlich, Joliet; Augusta, lives at Chicago; Alma, married Martin Sippel, Venice, Florida; William A., vice president of Baumgartner & Company, Frankfort; and Lillian, married Alfred Zechlin, Frankfort.

Walter H. Baumgartner has always lived in Frankfort. He was educated in the public schools and worked on his father's farm until he was 16 years old. He then learned the stone cutter's trade under the supervision of Julius Pfaff, of Frankfort, and remained in his employ until 1909, when he went to Virginia, Minn., and followed the brick-layer's and plasterer's trade. In 1910 he returned to Frankfort and engaged in the general contracting business, and in 1914 organized the Baumgartner & Company, which was incorporated under the laws of

Illinois. They are manufacturers of cement products and are also general contractors. The officers of the company are: Albert R. Baumgartner, president; William A. Baumgartner, vice president; and Walter H. Baumgartner, secretary and treasurer. In 1914 the company built a large plant to manufacture their cement products. They employ 15 men and have a complete delivery service.

On Nov. 29, 1911, Mr. Baumgartner was married to Hedwig Zechlin, a daughter of Bernhard A. Zechlin, a complete sketch of whom appears in this history. Mr. and Mrs. Baumgartner have a daughter, Phyllis, a student.

Mr. Baumgartner is a Democrat, a member of St. Peter's Evangelical Church, and fraternally is affiliated with Mount Joliet Lodge, A. F. and A. M. No. 42; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. No. 27; Joliet Council, R. & S. M. No. 82; and Bricklayers Union, Joliet Local. He has also served as township clerk for one term.

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James M. Heintz is among the enterprising young business men of Joliet, where he is manager of the Peter G. Lennon Company, wholesale grocers. He was born in this city, June 22, 1895, the son of Michael and Julia (Keller) Heintz.

Michael Heintz was born in Alsace Lorraine, and was five years old when his parents came to the United States and settled in Joliet. He spent the remainder of his life in this city and for many years engaged in the retail grocery business. He died in 1910 at the age of 42 years and is buried in St. John's Cemetery. His widow, who lives in Chicago, is the daughter of Joseph Keller, a pioneer settler of Joliet. To Mr. and Mrs. Heintz the following children were born: James M., the subject of this sketch; Helen; Mrs. Joseph Berschinski; Linus; Finbar; Cletus; and Mary. All are residents of Chicago.

James M. Heintz obtained his education in the parochial schools of Joliet and attended St. Joseph's College at Teutopolis, Ill. He has been identified with the Peter G. Lennon Company since 1911 and has held the position as sales manager of the business, since 1923. Since the time of Mr. Lennon's death, February 11, 1928, the business has been carried on by Mr. Heintz as general manager.

Mr. Heintz is a member of St. John's Catholic Church and belongs to the Rotary, Elks Lodge, Joliet Country Club, and Chamber of Commerce.

**Henry Francis Hicks**, deceased, was one of the most prominent and highly esteemed men of Joliet, having practiced dentistry in the city of Joliet for more than half a century. He was born at Lockport, in Will County, July 10, 1859, the son of Obadiah and Ann D. (Richards) Hicks.

Obadiah Hicks was born on the Isle of St. Agnes, off the coast of England, June 23, 1829, and died Jan. 6, 1911. His wife was born in England, June 1, 1825, and died Nov. 3, 1896. Mr. Hicks was a ship carpenter by trade and after his arrival in New York City, July 1, 1854, he followed that trade there for seven years. He then came to Joliet, where he worked as a carpenter during the remainder of his life. To Mr. and Mrs. Hicks the following children were born: Anne, born July 26, 1852, married George Hingston, of Mead, Wash.; Margaret Jane, born Oct. 23, 1855, unmarried, lives at Mead, Wash.; Elizabeth Susan, born Sept. 19, 1857, deceased, was the wife of William Wallace King, of Council Bluffs, Iowa; Henry Francis, the subject of this sketch; Minnie, born Sept. 23, 1868, married Arthur C. Wilson, lives at Spokane, Wash.; Carrie M., born Oct. 21, 1866, married Alfred E. Green, lives at Morgan Park, Ill.; Mary Caroline, born Sept. 19, 1860, died March 17, 1864; Lillian M., born Aug. 16, 1862, died Feb. 28, 1864; and James George, born April 7, 1864, died May 14, 1865.

Henry Francis Hicks was a small boy when his family settled in Joliet. He attended the old Broadway School and began his dental career in the office of Dr. G. B. Salter in 1879, with whom he was associated for more than 25 years. When Doctor Salter left Joliet the entire practice was taken over by Doctor Hicks and he was also associated in practice with Dr. Brunson of Joliet. Doctor Hicks retired in February, 1926, and resided at 113 Dewey Street until his death, which occurred Aug. 16, 1928.

On Dec. 24, 1887, Doctor Hicks was united in marriage with Miss Cora Ada Smith, who was born in Will County, Sept. 5, 1868, the daughter of Charles C. and Corinza (Burr) Smith. Mr. Smith was born in Tennessee, May 2, 1818, and settled in Will County about 1835. He was a farmer and was one of the largest land owners in the state, at one time holding more than 3,000 acres. He died Jan. 27, 1892, and his wife, who was born in Indiana, June 19, 1831, died Sept. 30, 1910. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith the following children were born: Barton, born June 2, 1852, married Dec. 25, 1877, to Miss May Searles, and they live at Toledo, Ohio; Emma J., born July 5, 1855, married Herman H. Unland, June 15, 1876, and she died May 23, 1899; William Thomas, born April 29, 1858, died Oct. 3, 1925, married Miss May Fowler on Dec. 25, 1879;



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Ella May, born June 21, 1860, married on May 19, 1881, to Wallace B. Douglas, attorney, lives in St. Paul, Minn.; Charles W., born Nov. 19, 1863, married Dec. 25, 1885, to Miss Margaret Ann Miller, and they live at Mexico, N. Y.; Lucy Mary, born June 5, 1866, the widow of Frank Albert Miller, lives at Galveston, Texas; Cora Ada Hicks, wife of the subject of this sketch; Eva Sarah, born Nov. 5, 1870, married Sept. 28, 1892, to Proman William Smith, farmer, lives in Will County; Edgar Francis, born Sept. 29, 1872, died Sept. 5, 1873; and Floyd Herman, born June 6, 1874, died March 5, 1908.

To Henry Francis and Cora Ada (Smith) Hicks a daughter was born, Verna Aline, July 19, 1891. She was married on June 7, 1922, to Herbert A. Brooker, of Joliet, who is employed by the Chicago Gravel Company as a mechanical engineer.

Doctor Hicks was a Republican in politics.

While Dr. Hicks was studying dentistry with Dr. G. B. Salter, he also learned taxidermisty under him. Dr. Hicks had done a good deal of this kind of work for pastime. Among his work of this kind was a hand made glass case containing a collection of the native birds of Will County, which are nicely mounted on an artificial tree in the glass case. This is now in the home of Mrs. Hicks.

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Archie L. West is a citizen of Manhattan, where he has been identified with the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad as agent since 1907. He was born at Momence, Ill., Oct. 27, 1880, the son of Harvey G. and Elizabeth (Timmins) West.

Harvey G. West, who lives retired at Momence, was born there in 1850. Throughout his life he was interested in general farming and stock raising. His wife, a native of England, died in 1889. To Mr. and Mrs. West the following children were born: Archie L., the subject of this sketch; Rua M., married Frank Hagerman, lives at Pratt, Kan.; Hilda, married Guy Harris, lives in Canada; and Arthur, lives at Grant Park, Ill. Minnie lives in England. She is the wife of Capt. William Kinsey, a veteran of the World War.

Archie L. West attended the public schools of Momence and also was enrolled at Valparaiso University, in Indiana. He studied telegraphy at the Dodge Institute of Telegraphy, and accepted his first position as an operator with the Grand Trunk Railroad at Valparaiso. For his services he received a salary of \$40 per month. He was later con-

nected with the New York Central Railroad for a short time, and was also employed by the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad at Momence. In September, 1906, he went with the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad as assistant agent and operator at Momence, but the following year was transferred to Manhattan as agent.

On Dec. 5, 1906, Mr. West was united in marriage with Miss Effie May Dubridge, of Momence, the daughter of Alfred H. and Delilah (Patterson) Dubridge. Mr. Dubridge died in 1896 and his widow resides at Momence. She was born at Peotone, Ill. There were five children in the Dubridge family: Effie May West; Hazel, married Frank Sharkey, lives at Niles, Mich.; Claude R., lives at Chicago Heights, Ill.; Walter S., a World War veteran, lives in Chicago; and Elva Hughey, lives at Elmhurst, Ill. To Mr. and Mrs. West were born three children: Elton Walter, born June 14, 1907; Ellis, born Aug. 20, 1908; died Oct. 3, 1918; and Beatrice May, born May 12, 1924.

Mr. West served as alderman of Manhattan and is now a member of the school board, having been a director and clerk for the past nine years. He takes an active interest in all civic affairs.

Mr. West was among the first radio operators of Will County to receive a federal license, having taken up the study of radio in 1912. He attended the first radio convention in Chicago and served as district superintendent of Illinois for the American Radio Relay League, Inc., of Connecticut.

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**Frank J. Kohlhausen**, a popular citizen of Frankfort, has been a resident of Will County his entire life. He was born in Frankfort Township, Dec. 17, 1871, the son of John and Maria (Westfahl) Kohlhausen.

Both John Kohlhausen and his wife were born in Butso, Macklenberg, Germany. He was born June 29, 1849, and his wife on Feb. 25, 1852. John Kohlhausen was the son of Frederick and Sophia Kohlhausen, who came to the United States in 1865 and settled first in New Lenox Township, later removing to Frankfort Township, Will County, Ill. He was a farmer. He and his wife are buried in Hadley Cemetery, Hadley, Ill.

John Kohlhausen was 16 years of age when he came to the United States with his parents. He was reared on his father's farm and in 1870 was married to Maria Westphal. He purchased a farm of 160 acres and followed grain farming and dairying. He conducted this farm until 1892, when he retired and moved to Frankfort. On Nov. 1, 1895, with his son Frank J., he organized Kohlhausen's general store, but he



was never actively engaged in the business. He sold his interest to his son in 1911. He lives in Frankfort. His wife died Oct. 18, 1918, and is buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Frankfort, Ill. Mr. Kohlhagen is a Democrat and for many years served as highway commissioner. He is a member of St. Peter's Evangelical Church, and has served on the building committee and as trustee of same. To Mr. and Mrs. Kohlhagen three children were born: Frank J., the subject of this sketch; Lily, married Otto B. Herschbach, a hardware merchant, of Frankfort; and Emma, married Frank W. Logan, an ice cream manufacturer of Chicago Heights. Mrs. Logan died Feb. 3, 1924, and is buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Frankfort.

Frank J. Kohlhagen attended the public schools of Frankfort and graduated from Bryant & Stratton's Business College, Chicago, in 1890. In 1892 he went to Joliet as deputy County Clerk, under Henry H. Stassen. In the spring of 1895 he returned to Frankfort, and on Nov. 1st of that year in partnership with his father he established the Kohlhagen General Store, and served as manager. In 1911 he purchased his father's interest, since which time he has been sole owner. He has met with success in this undertaking and has one of the largest stores of its kind in the city. In October, 1928, he held a sale, closing out his entire business and retired. Mr. Kohlhagen was one of the organizers of the Frankfort State Bank in 1913, and was elected a director and secretary, in which capacity he is still serving. He is also agent of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, and a director in the Frankfort-Hall Company.

Mr. Kohlhagen was married in 1896 to Miss Emma Bettenhausen, a daughter of Conrad and Elizabeth (Horn) Bettenhausen, natives of Germany. Mr. Bettenhausen was a farmer in Green Garden Township. In 1891 he retired and moved to Frankfort, Ill. Both he and his wife are deceased and are buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Frankfort. To Mr. and Mrs. Kohlhagen three children have been born: Grace, registrar of Joliet Township High School; Olive, married Dr. Charles V. Waggoner, of Chicago; and Eloise, attends the University of Illinois.

Mr. Kohlhagen is a Republican. He has served on the village board as village clerk and trustee, and is now a justice of the peace. He has been Township School Treasurer for the past 22 years, and is clerk of the Modern Woodmen of America, of Frankfort. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Kohlhagen is a member of the official board of same. He has an excellent standing in the town and is highly esteemed.

**Frank R. Jones**, cashier of the State Bank of Manhattan, Ill., since 1895, figures prominently not alone in financial circles but also as a progressive and representative citizen. He was born in Wilton Township, Will County, December 30, 1862, the son of Robert and Eleanor (Cooper) Jones.

Robert Jones and his wife were natives of Yorkshire, England. They came to the United States in 1851 and settled in Kane County, Ill. In 1856 he purchased a farm in Section 26, Wilton Township, Will County, on which he lived until 1886 when he retired and moved to Peotone, where he died in 1901, aged 78 years. His wife died in 1912, aged 88 years. They are buried in Wilton Center Cemetery. Mr. Jones was a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and served as school director for a number of years. To Mr. and Mrs. Jones eight children were born, as follows: 1. John C., a Methodist minister, died in May, 1927, and is buried at Yorkville. 2. Hannah, the wife of Louis M. Arnold, lives at Long Beach, Cal. 3. Elizabeth, married Dr. Londus Blandon, of Joliet. 4. Mary L., the wife of John C. Baker, died in 1919, and is buried in Manhattan Cemetery. 5. Charles W., died in 1869, buried in Wilton Center Cemetery. 6. Frank R., the subject of this sketch. 7. Benjamin D., lives in Manhattan Township. A twin sister of Hannah died at the age of one year.

Frank R. Jones attended the district school of Wilton Township, and attended Northwestern University. He taught school in Wilton and Green Garden Townships for three winters, and then engaged in the lumber business. When the Bank of Manhattan was organized in 1895 he was made its first cashier, in which position he has since served continuously. In 1919 the bank was organized as a State bank.

On August 27, 1885, Mr. Jones was married at Wilton Center to Miss Luanna Renfrew, who was born in Vermont, May 27, 1864. Her parents were Harvey and Adelaide (Smalley) Renfrew. Mr. Renfrew was a lumber dealer in Kansas until his retirement. He is now living in Manhattan and is 86 years of age. His wife died in March, 1923, and is buried at Manhattan Center. Mrs. Jones, previous to her marriage, was a teacher in the Wilton and Manhattan schools. To Mr. and Mrs. Jones three children have been born: Herbert R., a graduate of Northwestern University, and a veteran of the World War, married Miss Mena Ryon, of Streator, Ill., has been employed in the office of the County Treasurer for the past six years. 2. Irvin H., a graduate of Chicago University, was an ensign during the World War and served

from February, 1918, until June, 1919, a chemist, now associated with the Koppers Company, of Pittsburgh, Pa. 3. Eleanor, a graduate of Joliet Township High School, lives at home.

Mr. Jones is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. For the past 30 years he has been treasurer of the school board of Manhattan, and for 20 years a member of the board of trustees. He and his brother, Benjamin D. Jones, conduct the Baker, Jones & Company, grain and coal dealers. Fraternaly Mr. Jones is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, Joliet Commandery No. 4, and the Medina Shrine, Chicago, Ill.

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**Frank S. Hoerrmann.**—One of the substantial citizens of Manhattan is Frank S. Hoerrmann, who is interested in the hotel, bakery, and confectionery business. He was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, January 29, 1879, the son of Gustave and Anna (Gutheinz) Hoerrmann.

Gustave Hoerrmann, deceased, was a native of Germany. He was born Jan. 8, 1844, and died Aug. 5, 1920. His widow, who was born in Germany, Oct. 10, 1854, resides at Manhattan. To Mr. and Mrs. Hoerrmann the following children were born: Anna, born in 1875, married Joseph Schweitzer, lives in Chicago, and they have three daughters, Myrtle, Bertha, and Anna; George, born in 1877, lives at Manhattan; Frank S., the subject of this sketch; Mathilda, unmarried, lives at home; and Eugene, born Oct. 29, 1881. He is mayor of Manhattan and a prominent citizen of Will County.

In 1885 Gustave Hoerrmann located at Manhattan. In 1895 he established the bakery business which is now owned by his sons. In 1906 a modern baking plant was built. Besides its local business interests the Hoerrmann estate comprises 140 acres of land, some of which is located within the city limits of Manhattan.

Frank S. Hoerrmann was four years old when his parents came to the United States and settled in Chicago. In 1885 they removed to Manhattan, where Mr. Hoerrmann was educated. Throughout his business career he has been connected with the hotel and bakery business, which was established by his father. He also conducts a confectionery and ice cream business.

On April 22, 1924, Mr. Hoerrmann married Miss Johanna Lawler, the daughter of Martin and Margaret (Donnelly) Lawler. Mr. Lawler died in 1926. His widow resides in Manhattan, Ill. Before her marriage Mrs. Hoerrmann was a teacher in the schools of Will and Cook counties.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoerrmann have two children, Francis Joseph, born May 5, 1926, and Marjorie Ann, born Sept. 28, 1928.

Mr. Hoerrmann is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, Third Degree.

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**Harry G. Gerdes**, one of the most prominent and highly esteemed men of Manhattan, was born at Wilton Center, in Will County, Oct. 28, 1859. He is the son of H. M. and Margaret Gerdes.

H. M. Gerdes was born in Germany and emigrated to the United States with his family about 1858. He purchased a farm at Wilton Center, which he successfully operated until the time of his death in 1891. His wife died in 1893. Mr. and Mrs. Gerdes were the parents of the following children: Dora, married Stephen Eyrch, lives at Manhattan; Harry G., the subject of this sketch; Henrietta, deceased, was the wife of Dr. Muehlenpford, of Ashkum, Ill.; Frederick, died in 1876, at the age of 18 years; Henry, died in 1911 at the age of 54 years; Hermina, died in 1923, at the age of 62 years.

With the exception of a few months spent in Nebraska and Chicago, Harry G. Gerdes has spent his entire life in Will County. He was educated in the district schools of Wilton Center and began his business career as a clerk in a country store. After the death of his parents he returned to the home place, which he operated until 1920, at which time he removed to Manhattan.

In 1890 Mr. Gerdes married Miss Sophia Schroeder, who died in 1908. To them a daughter was born, Edna, who died in 1904 at the age of 12 years. In 1910 Mr. Gerdes married Miss Laura Kinston, of Wilton Center. They have a son, Carl K., who was born in 1912. He attends Manhattan High School.

Mr. Gerdes is a Republican in politics and has been supervisor of Manhattan Township since April, 1928. He was also president of the local school board for seven years. While a resident of Wilton Center he held many township offices. From 1896 until 1907 he served Wilton Township as supervisor. He is a member of the Lutheran Church and his wife belongs to the Baptist Church. Mr. Gerdes is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. Gerdes is president of the Andres & Wilton Grain Company, which was organized in 1914. The company handles over a million bushels of grain annually and is one of the enterprising business concerns of Will County.

**John H. Wehrley** is among the widely known business men of Beecher, where he has engaged in the drug business for the past 20 years. He was born in Germany, June 27, 1876, the son of John and Elizabeth (Christman) Wehrley.

John Wehrley was born in Germany in 1845. He was a farmer throughout his life and after coming to the United States settled at Millersburg, Ind., where he died in 1898. His wife, also a native of Germany, died in 1918. Mr. and Mrs. Wehrley were the parents of seven children, of whom John H., the subject of this sketch, was the third youngest.

John H. Wehrley was nine years old when he came to the United States with his parents. He received his early education in the public schools of Millersburg, Ind., and studied pharmacy at the University of Illinois, from which he was graduated in 1905. He spent two years in the chemical laboratory of Armour & Company, Chicago, and in 1907 located at Beecher, where he has since engaged in the drug business. For the past four years he has served as postmaster of Beecher.

On April 19, 1906, Mr. Wehrley was united in marriage with Miss Helen C. Beutler, who was born at Lafayette, Ind. They have a daughter, Elizabeth, who attends Purdue University. Two other children died in infancy.

Mr. Wehrley is a Republican and has served as school director for 15 years. He is affiliated with A. F. and A. M., No. 1083 Beecher.

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**Claude O. Henry**, cashier of the First National Bank of Manhattan, is a native of Illinois. He was born in Kankakee County, Oct. 28, 1885, the son of George O. and Emma (Bailey) Henry.

George O. Henry, who lives retired at Manhattan, was for many years a farmer and stockman of Sibley, Ill. Since 1921 he has resided in this city. There are eight children in the Henry family, as follows: Claude O., the subject of this sketch; Frank, insurance, lives at Kankakee, Ill.; Mrs. A. E. Schroeder, lives at Manhattan; Clayton, salesman, lives at Toledo, Ohio; Bradley, farmer, lives at Sibley, Ill.; Jeanette, teacher, lives at Salina, Kan.; George, lives at Manhattan; and Gordon, lives at Manhattan.

Claude O. Henry received his education in the schools of Bonfield in Kankakee County and when a young man learned telegraphy. He was employed by the Wabash Railroad at Manhattan as night operator

and three years later became associated with Bergan Brothers in this city. After five years he became a teller in the First National Bank of Manhattan. He was elected cashier in 1916 and has since served in that capacity.

On June 6, 1916, Mr. Henry was united in marriage with Miss Elda Schroeder, of Manhattan, the daughter of Clemence and Sophia (Krapp) Schroeder, of Manhattan. Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder were born at Mokena, Ill., and were early settlers of Manhattan, where Mr. Schroeder has engaged in the hardware business for the past 42 years. To Mr. and Mrs. Henry has been born a daughter, Jeanne, born Sept. 17, 1918.

Mr. Henry is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge and Shrine. He has served as alderman and village clerk of Manhattan and takes an active interest in the affairs of the community.

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**Wilson F. Smith.**—Among the prominent citizens of Will County is Wilson F. Smith, who is living retired at Plainfield. He was born in Lockport Township, in Will County, Sept. 10, 1855, the son of John H. and Lydia (Fouser) Smith.

John H. Smith was born in Summit County, Ohio. He came to Will County in 1854 and after several years returned to Ohio with his family, where he died in 1868, at the age of 40 years. His widow later returned to Will County with her children. After many years she removed to Iowa, where she died at the age of 84 years. Wilson F., the subject of this sketch, was the second child in a family of seven.

Wilson F. Smith received a meager education in the district schools of Lockport Township, being required to go to work as a farm hand when fifteen years of age. After his marriage in 1878 he rented land in Plainfield Township, which he occupied for 30 years. He then purchased his present farm of 45 acres which is located on the north side of Plainfield. For many years Mr. Smith was a well known breeder of Englishshire horses, and made many exhibits at the Plainfield Township Fair. He was president of the Fair Association.

On Jan. 1, 1878, Mr. Smith married Miss Jemima Hartong, who was born in Plainfield Township, Aug. 19, 1855, the daughter of Elias and Christina (Schrer) Hartong. Mr. Hartong was a native of Pennsylvania and an early settler of Will County. His wife was born in Germany and was 12 years of age when her parents emigrated to the United

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States. Mr. and Mrs. Smith, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 1, 1928, are the parents of the following children: Arthur, lives at Plainfield; Lloyd C., lives at Winona, Ill., where he is high school superintendent; Lucretia, lives at home; Lyda, married Dennison Green, lives at Bloomington, Ill.; Beatrice, married Mark Green, lives in Kendall County, Ill.; Dale, lives at Plainfield; Ada and Columbus, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have 14 grandchildren.

Rev. Henry Messner, who performed the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, lives at Naperville. He is 90 years of age.

Mr. Smith is a Republican. He served as president of the local school board for eight years, and was instrumental in obtaining the consolidated schools for Plainfield. The fine new high school was built during his term as president of the board. He has always been keenly interested in education. He was one of the founders of the Will County Grange in which he has always been an active worker. Mr. Smith is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge.

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William H. Stelling, proprietor of "Maple Lane Dairy," is one of the progressive young business men of Crete and Will County. He was born in Sumner Township, Kankakee County, Ill., June 17, 1890, the son of Frederic and Wilhelmina (Knoop) Stelling.

Frederic Stelling, deceased, was a native of Germany. He was a small child when his parents brought him to America and settled in DuPage County, Ill., where he spent his boyhood. Later, he removed to Kankakee County, where he purchased a farm of 200 acres. About 12 years before his death he removed to Peotone, Ill., where he died March 1, 1926. He is buried in the Peotone Cemetery. His widow, also a native of Germany, resides at Peotone. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Stelling: August, lives at Denver, Colo.; Bertha, married Herbert Peister, lives in Ohio; William H., the subject of this sketch; Minnie, married Henry Daum, lives at Peotone; Clara, married Leslie Howlet, lives at Denver, Colo.; Emma, died at the age of seven years; Hulda, died at the age of nine years; Fred, died May 18, 1927, at the age of 40 years; and two children died in infancy.

William H. Stelling was reared and educated in Kankakee County and was connected with his father's farming interests for a time. At the age of 24 years Mr. Stelling went to Texas and from there to Canada, where he spent several years. He then returned to Illinois and settled

on a farm in Crete Township, where he specialized in dairy farming. In 1925 he became interested in the dairy business and established his retail trade in Crete. He operates an up-to-date dairy, which is equipped with modern cold storage plant, separating system, etc.

On Dec. 31, 1919, Mr. Stelling was united in marriage with Miss Ottelie Gross, of Peotone, Ill., the daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Lauman) Gross. Mr. Gross is a pioneer merchant of Peotone. His wife is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Stelling have a daughter, Elizabeth, born Aug. 7, 1922.

Mr. Stelling is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, of which he is deacon, and he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Masonic Lodge and Lincolnshire Country Club. He also is active in the Will County Farm Bureau.

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**Charles J. Rohe.**—One of the most prominent men of Crete is Charles J. Rohe, who has engaged in the drug business at that place continuously for the past 40 years. He was born at Crete, Dec. 9, 1864, the son of Henry and Dorothea (Heine) Rohe.

Henry Rohe, deceased, was a native of Germany. Early in life he came to this country and settled at Syracuse, N. Y., but later went to Chicago. He came to Crete in 1850 and for a time was a farmer. He then engaged in business for many years. He died in 1907 at the age of 71 years and is buried in the Crete Cemetery. His wife, who was born in Germany in 1832, died at the age of 85 years. To Mr. and Mrs. Rohe the following children were born: Herman, lives at Crete; W. H., lives at Crete; Mary, the widow of Clarence Hanaca, lives in Chicago; Fred B., a sketch of whom appears in this volume, lives at Crete; and Charles J., the subject of this sketch.

Charles J. Rohe was reared and educated at Crete. He attended Northwestern University at Watertown, Wis., and began his career as a druggist at Milford, Ill. After four years he went to Canton, Ill., and from there to LaSalle. About 1888 he established a drug business in Crete in partnership with his brother, W. H. Rohe. They purchased two drug stores and moved the stock into the present store and the brothers continued in the business together for 15 years, when Mr. Rohe purchased his brother's interest. It is the oldest business house in Crete and Mr. Rohe is regarded as one of the community's dependable merchants and reliable business men.

On June 18, 1907, Mr. Rohe was united in marriage with Miss Sophia Saller, of Crete. They have no children.

Mr. Rohe is a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, of which he has served as deacon and treasurer, and he belongs to the Lincolnshire Country Club, and the Steuben Club of Chicago. He has always been a Republican and has filled the office of township clerk. He was one of the founders of the Chamber of Commerce at Crete.

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**M. L. Pfoff** is a veteran of the World War and an enterprising young business man of Goodenow, where he is engaged in the general mercantile business. He was born at Foosland, Ill., Dec. 7, 1897, the son of L. M. and Nora (Ball) Pfoff.

L. M. Pfoff is a well known resident of Foosland, where he has engaged in the general mercantile business for 35 years. Both he and his wife were born at Foosland. She died in 1926 at the age of 48 years. To Mr. and Mrs. Pfoff were born four children: M. L., the subject of this sketch; Richard H., died in infancy; Lloyd D., attends the University of Illinois; and Florence Mae, lives at home.

M. L. Pfoff obtained his education in the public schools and was connected with his father's business for several years. He later went to Chicago where he was identified with the American Manganese Steel Company for four years. In 1922 he came to Goodenow and four years later purchased the general mercantile business of J. H. Bahlman, his father-in-law. This store, one of the pioneer business houses of the township, was owned and operated by Mr. Bahlman for 35 years.

On June 2, 1918, Mr. Pfoff was married to Miss Ruby Bahlman of Goodenow, the daughter of J. H. and Anna Bahlman. Mr. Bahlman was born in Washington Township, Will County, Dec. 12, 1866. He was reared on a farm and early in life engaged in business at Goodenow. He also owned a store at Eagle Lake. He was married in 1890 to Miss Anna Wehrmann, and they had four children: Harry, lives at Portland, Ore.; Ruby Pfoff; William, a graduate of Illinois State University, married Miss Jane Britton, lives at Chicago Heights; and Helen, a graduate of Bloom Township High School and Purdue University, now a teacher in the Marseilles (Ill.) High School. Mr. Bahlman was a Republican and a member of the Lutheran Church, and a prominent citizen of Goodenow. He served as postmaster, justice of the peace and school director. He died April 23, 1926, and is buried in the Beecher Cemetery. Mrs.

Pfoff was educated in the public schools of Goodenow and is a graduate of Illinois State Normal School. Before her marriage she was a teacher in the schools of McLean County.

Mr. Pfoff is a member of the Methodist Church and is affiliated with A. F. and A. M. No. 911, Bellflower, Ill. He is a Republican.

During the World war Mr. Pfoff volunteered for service and was stationed at Camp Grant, Ill. He is a member of the American Legion.

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**John C. Diersen**, who lives retired at Crete, is among the substantial and representative citizens of Will County. He was born at Crete, Dec. 25, 1862, the son of J. W. and Ingle (Dennis) Diersen.

J. W. Diersen, deceased, was the son of John H. Diersen, a pioneer settler of Chicago, and Crete Township. John H. Diersen died in 1886 and his son died in 1898. Both were farmers and spent the greater part of their lives on the Diersen homestead, which consisted of 240 acres in Crete Township. Ingle (Dennis) Diersen was a native of Germany and died in 1900. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Diersen: John C. P. G., the subject of this sketch; William H., lives in Crete Township; Louise, married Philip Piepenbrink, lives at Crete; Henry, Herman, August, and Gotlieb, all live at Crete; Amelia, died in 1926, was the wife of Robert Schlemmer, of Crete; Emma, married Chris Koelling, lives in Crete Township; Anna, married Herman Piepenbrink, lives in Crete Township; Otto, lives at Kansas City, Mo.; and Walter lives in Chicago.

John Conrad Philip Gustav Diersen spent his boyhood on his father's farm and for three years served an apprenticeship at the tinsmith trade, for which he received wages of \$50 per year. He then went to Nebraska, where he disposed of a lumber claim in exchange for the corner hardware store at Crete. Mr. Diersen conducted this business continuously from 1886 until 1923, at which time he retired. The store is now operated by his son, John A. Diersen. This pioneer business was founded in 1838, and is one of the oldest business houses of Will County.

On Nov. 21, 1888, Mr. Diersen was united in marriage with Miss Sophie Piepenbrink, of Crete, the daughter of Otto Piepenbrink. To them were born six children: Linda, married Henry Lorenzen, lives at Crete, and they have three children, Ruth, Vernon, and Walter; John A., lives at Crete, married Miss Alvina Koelling, and they have a son, John Roberts; Martin, lives in Chicago, married Miss Ingeron Samuel-

son; Anna, married Elmer Duensing, lives at Crete; Amelia and Esther, both at home.

Mr. Diersen is identified with the Democratic party in national politics. He and his family are members of the German Evangelical Lutheran Church.

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**W. F. Mussman**, deceased, was a funeral director and well known business man of Crete. He was born at St. John's, Indiana, July 11, 1861, the son of W. L. and Sophia (Bume) Mussman.

W. L. Mussman was born in Germany and was among the early settlers of Crete Township, Will County. For a short time he lived in Indiana, where he followed general farming and stock raising. He died at Grant Park, Ill., in 1904, and his wife, also a native of Germany, died Nov. 13, 1922. To Mr. and Mrs. Mussman the following children were born: W. F., the subject of this sketch; George, farmer, lives at Welcome, Minn.; Minnie, married Charles Stadt, lives in Chicago; Herman lives on the old homestead at Grant Park, Kankakee County, Ill.; Sophia, deceased, was the wife of August Planske; Henry, died in September, 1926; Amelia, deceased, was the wife of Henry Homeyer; Lizzie, deceased, was the wife of Herman Kurth; and two children died in infancy.

W. F. Mussman was five years old when his parents removed to Crete Township. He attended the district schools and in 1889 became interested in the furniture and undertaking business here. For several years he specialized in undertaking with his son, the business being known as W. F. Mussman & Son.

On April 22, 1890, Mr. Mussman was married to Miss Ella Koester, a native of Germany. One child was born to this union, George W., born Nov. 15, 1891. He was educated in the public schools of Crete and in 1914 was graduated from the Barnes School of Embalming. He now conducts the undertaking business established by his father. He married June 10, 1914, Miss Helen Luecke, of Crete, the daughter of John and Sophia Leucke. They have two children, Gerald, born Jan. 27, 1920; and Robert, born Aug. 10, 1926.

Mr. Mussman was a member of the Evangelical Church of Chicago Heights, and belonged to the Modern Woodmen of America. He served as chief of the local fire department from 1909 until 1924. He died Aug. 15, 1928.

Arthur C. Kieper, who is manager of the Farmers Grain Company, of Goodenow, is among the enterprising young business men of Will County. He was born at Chicago Heights, Ill., Nov. 8, 1895, the son of Albert and Bertha (Mach) Kieper.

Albert Kieper was born in Germany in 1852. He came to the United States about 1877 and settled at Goodenow, in Will County. He later lived in Chicago Heights, but returned to Goodenow, where he died in 1912. He is buried in Beecher Cemetery. Mr. Kieper was well known for many years as a successful farmer of Crete Township. His widow resides at Goodenow. To Mr. and Mrs. Kieper the following children were born: Paul, lives at Crete; Clara, married Henry Ohlerking, lives at Madison, Ill.; Ella, deceased, was the wife of Wilbur Hough, of Chicago Heights; Mary, married Emil Aberstich, lives at Roselle, Ill.; Arthur C., the subject of this sketch; Henry and Harry, who lives at home.

Arthur C. Kieper received his education in the public schools of Goodenow. He began his business career as a bookkeeper for the Gage Hat Company, of Chicago, and six months later went with the Austin Savings Bank, Chicago, in whose employ he remained for eight years. Since 1919 he has held his present position as manager of the Farmers Grain Company of Goodenow.

Mr. Kieper is a Republican, a member of the Beecher Evangelical Church, and belongs to A. F. and A. M. No. 763, Crete. He is unmarried.

The officers of the Farmers Grain Company are as follows: Fred Kuhlman, president; Edward Wassman, vice president; and George W. Baker, secretary and treasurer. Directors are: Gus Schrewe, Harry S. Graham, Fred Kuhlman, Edward Wassman, and George W. Baker. All are residents of Crete Township.

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D. J. Steevens, owner and editor of the Beecher Herald, is among prominent newspaper men of Will County. He was born at LaCrosse, Wis., May 17, 1871.

Mr. Steevens was eleven years of age when his family removed to Winona. They later lived in the then Dakota territory and Huron, South Dakota. After completing his schooling Mr. Steevens learned the printer's trade at LaCrosse, Wis., having returned to his birthplace when a young man. He later went to Livingston, Mont., and from there to Helena, Mont., where he was connected with the newspaper of Russel B. Harrison, son of President Harrison. He later returned to LaCrosse,

where he was employed on a daily newspaper. In 1897 he purchased a newspaper at Arcadia, Wis., which he owned for nine years. In 1907 he came to Beecher and on September 6th of that year published the first issue of the Beecher Herald. It is a weekly publication and has a widespread circulation of 900 subscribers. Mr. Stevens has been highly successful in this undertaking and attributes his success to his ideal of service at all times. The newspaper plant represents an investment of approximately \$18,000.00.

Mr. Stevens was married in 1895 to Miss Margaret Gleason, of Arcadia, Wis. They have two children: 1. Charles A., a veteran of the World War, is identified with the First National Bank of Chicago Heights, and lives at Steger. He married Miss Mary Newquist, of Steger, and they have a son, Jack. 2. Mae, who married Walter Newquist, of Steger, and they have one son, David Stevens.

Mr. Stevens has always been a Republican. He held the office of village clerk for three terms. He won the first election by one vote, the second by 37 votes, and was elected the third term without opposition. He is a member of the Catholic Church of Steger and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, Third Degree, and Catholic Order of Foresters.

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**George A. Batterman**, of Beecher, is one of the successful and well known business men of Will County. He was born in Lake County, Ind., Dec. 12, 1887, the son of Albert and Leona (Ostermeyer) **Batterman**.

Albert Batterman was born in Crete Township in 1859, the son of Fred Batterman, a native of Germany. The Batterman family settled in Will County during the early days and were well known farmers of this section. Albert Batterman died in 1897, and his widow, a native of Washington Township, resides at Beecher. She was the daughter of Conrad Ostermeyer, a pioneer of Washington Township. To Mr. and Mrs. Batterman were born two children: George A., the subject of this sketch; and Ella, married William C. Selk, lives at Beecher.

At the age of ten years George A. Batterman was brought to Beecher with his family. After completing his schooling he was employed in the general store of Stade Brothers, for two years, and in 1907 formed a partnership with William F. Ruge. Mr. Batterman became owner of the entire business in 1920. He is the only dry goods merchant at Beecher and has a well established trade. He is a director

of the Farmers State Bank and is active in the promotion of the new Community Building of Beecher which was built at a cost of \$50,000.

On Feb. 18, 1912, Mr. Batterman married Miss Josephine Apking of Beecher. Their only child, Clifford, was born Jan. 18, 1914, and died May 20, 1916.

Politically Mr. Batterman is identified with the Republican party. He is a member of St. Luke's Church, Beecher, and is affiliated with A. F. and A. M. No. 1087, and Modern Woodmen of America. He has held the office of village clerk of Beecher since 1919.

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**James M. Thompson**, who has served as supervisor of music in the Joliet Public Schools for the past 35 years, is prominent in musical circles throughout Illinois. He was born in Norfolk County, Ontario, Canada, April 23, 1866, the son of Henry and Ursula (Sinclair) Thompson.

The early education of James M. Thompson was secured in the schools of Canada. He spent two years in Woodstock College in Canada and five years at Hillsdale College in Michigan, from which he was graduated in June, 1891. He spent the following two years in extension work at Detroit, Mich., and in the fall of 1892 began teaching music at Joliet. After a period of 16 years of service with the local schools Mr. Thompson studied abroad, taking graduate work in London, England, and also in Scotland. He conceived the idea of organizing a boys' band in Joliet, and this organization has done much to make the city widely known throughout the country.

Emphasizing a high standard of leadership among boys he started a grade school band with 24 boys from 12 schools, asking the regular teachers cooperation to select on a merit basis. In this the requirement called for the highest standard in all subjects and musically inclined. This has been known for nearly a score of years as a perpetual plan which has passed boys of the highest rank in prize winning to the national champion high school band. Mr. Thompson has gone on record as having laid the foundation for state and national champion bands in Joliet.

Mr. Thompson was married on Jan. 27, 1892, to Miss Anna M. Clouse, of the Province of Ontario, Canada. She is a talented pianist and organist and is well known in the city. To Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were born six children, as follows: 1. Cyril C., a graduate of Beloit College, Wisconsin, and the University of Nebraska, served throughout the





JAMES M. THOMPSON



World War, married Miss Vivian Ditto, and they have three children: Dawn, Betty, and Rachael. They live in Boise, Idaho, where Mr. Thompson is chief deputy auditor for the State of Idaho. 2. Milo M., a graduate of Joliet Township High School, and Harvard University, served throughout the World War as a lieutenant in the air service, married Miss Florence Weston, of Joliet, and they have two children: Elsworth and Lois. He is editor of the Idaho Statesman and is a prominent journalist of the West. 3. Harold H., a graduate of Joliet Township High School and Hillsdale College, served during the World War, and died at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., February 11, 1920. 4. Marie Houser, lives at Altoona, Pa. She is a graduate of Joliet Township High School and the Columbia College of Expression in Chicago, married Harry Houser and they have two children, Robert and Gretchen. 5. Vera D., a graduate of Joliet Township High School and the Pestalozzi Frobel Kindergarten College, Chicago, a teacher in the public schools of Evanston, Ill., also of Northwestern University. 6. William L., a graduate of Joliet Township High School, Northwestern University, now a student of journalism in Columbia University, New York City.

An estate known as Hillsdale Place, consisting of ten acres, has been the home of Mr. Thompson for more than a quarter of a century. It is located at 2000 to 2010 on East Washington Street, bounded on the east by Oakview Ave., which street was laid out and named by Mr. Thompson. The west boundry is a beautiful ravine drive with attractive homes known as Hillsdale Road which is constantly being improved and with the rapid growth to the east the Thompson homestead will continue to grow attractive.

Mr. Thompson is a Republican, a member of the Masonic Fraternity, and a member of the Official Board of the Richards Street Methodist Episcopal Church. For the past twenty years he has been Choir master of the Illinois State Prison in Joliet. He is a charter member of the Joliet Kiwanis Club and is widely known as a song leader.

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**Henry C. Piepenbrink**, progressive farmer and stockman of Crete Township, is a member of one of the oldest and most highly esteemed families of Will County. He was born where he now lives, March 8, 1885, the son of Conrad and Sophia Engelking Piepenbrink.

Conrad Piepenbrink was born on the old Piepenbrink homestead in Crete Township in 1852, the son of John Otto Piepenbrink, a well known

pioneer of Crete Township. Conrad Piepenbrink became one of the leading farmers of Crete Township and was the owner of 243 acres of well improved land. He specialized in dairy farming and was also an extensive raiser of grain. At the time of his death in 1914 he was living retired at Chicago Heights. Besides his farming interests he was identified with the Crete Mutual Insurance Association. He was a Republican, a member of the Lutheran Church, and active in the work of the Will County Farm Bureau. His widow, who lives at Chicago Heights, was born in Washington Township, Will County. To Mr. and Mrs. Piepenbrink were born eight children, as follows: Anna, unmarried, lives at home; Otto, lives at Harvey, Ill.; Sophia, married Herman Redeker, lives at Milford, Ill.; Henry C., the subject of this sketch; Helen, married Louis Koelling, lives at Chicago Heights; Edward, lives at Beaver Dam, Wis.; Bertha, married Alfred Koevert, lives at Milwaukee, Wis.; and Martin, lives in Chicago.

Henry C. Piepenbrink has always lived in Crete Township. He was educated in the Lutheran School at Crete, and since the death of his father in 1914 has operated the farm. He is interested in dairy farming.

On Sept. 3, 1911, Mr. Piepenbrink was united in marriage with Miss Amelia Redeker, a native of Iroquois County, Ill. They have five children: Leona, born July 28, 1916; Edwill, born Feb. 5, 1918; Norman, born Sept. 26, 1922; Helen and Irene, twins, born April 1, 1926.

Mr. Piepenbrink is an elder of the Trinity Lutheran Church. In politics he is identified with the Republican party. He belongs to the Will County Farm Bureau.

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**H. E. Ehlers.**—One of the well known men of Beecher is H. E. Ehlers, who is cashier of the Farmers State Bank of Beecher. He was born in Washington Township, Will County, the son of Herman and Louise (Meyer) Ehlers.

Herman Ehlers came to the United States from Germany where he was born, in 1854, and settled west of Chicago. About 1870 he removed to Washington Township, Will County, where he owned and operated a mill until 1888. He then located on a farm east of Grant Park. For a time he resided at Beecher, but later lived retired in Chicago, where he died in 1913. His wife was born at Madison, Ill. She is also deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Ehlers are buried in Forest Home Ceme-

tery, Chicago. They were the parents of nine children, of whom H. E., the subject of this sketch, was the third in order of birth.

H. E. Ehlers is a graduate of the public schools of Washington Township and later attended Valparaiso College. For 20 years he was associated in business at Grant Park in partnership with his brother, Fred Ehlers. In 1905 he became sole owner of the business which he continued until 1915. He has been connected with the Farmers State Bank of Beecher since 1916 and has held the office of cashier for the past five years.

In 1903 Mr. Ehlers married Miss Emma Korthauer, of Beecher, the daughter of John and Louisa Korthauer, both deceased. Mr. Korthauer was a veteran of the Civil War and an early settler of Beecher. To Mr. and Mrs. Ehler were born four children: Viola, a graduate of Bloom Township High School, employed in the Farmers State Bank as bookkeeper; Herman, Vernon and Garnita.

Mr. Ehlers is a Republican and a member of the Zion Lutheran Church. He is also a member of the Grant Park Country Club. Mr. Ehlers takes an active interest in the civic affairs of Washington Township, and is now serving as supervisor.

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**The Farmers State Bank** of Beecher, which was organized in November, 1916, by E. C. Curtis, H. E. Ehlers, and H. B. Ruge, was the successor of the First National Bank of Beecher, which was established in 1906, and which was liquidated upon the organization of the former institution. The First National Bank was the outgrowth of the Bank of Beecher, which was established in the nineties and operated by Arthur Struve until 1906. The Farmers State Bank occupies the banking house which was erected by the institution in 1906.

The Farmers State Bank of Beecher was organized with a capital stock of \$25,000, and opened for business on the 18th day of November, 1916, under the direction of the following officers: Frederick Wehmhoefer, H. W. Bockelman, Fred Erieson, Fred Hauseman, president; and H. B. Ruge, cashier. Mr. Ruge died June 11, 1923, and was succeeded as cashier by Mr. Ehlers. At the same time W. F. Ruge was elected assistant cashier and director. The original board of directors was composed of Frederick Wehrmann, H. B. Ruge, V. S. Curtis, Frank Hunte, R. G. Salzmann, Carl Ehrhardt, Henry Wehmroefer, H. W. Bockelman, Fred Erieson, Fred Hauseman,

D. D. VanVoorhis, H. E. Ehlers, and Thomas Clark. The members of the present board of directors are as follows: H. E. Ehlers, Henry Wehmhoefer, president; D. D. Van Voorhis, vice president; W. F. Ruge, Geo. A. Batterman and Emil Klein.

This institution has accumulated a surplus of \$16,000.00, and has reserve funds amounting to \$17,500.00, and undivided profits of \$10,000.00. Since its organization it has paid regular dividends of 10 per cent with an occasional 2 per cent additional. Total dividends have amounted to \$27,500.00. Deposits, which amounted to \$19,276.36 on the bank's first day of business, have increased to \$450,000.00.

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Michael R. Miley, M. D., of Beecher, is a representative member of the medical profession of Will County and a leading citizen of the community in which he lives. He was born in Wisconsin, Nov. 28, 1858, the son of Theodore and Anna Maria (Ritter) Miley.

Both Theodore Miley and his wife were natives of Switzerland. Their marriage took place at Madison, Wis., where they had both located early in life. Mr. Miley was a successful farmer until the time of his death, which occurred about 1886. His wife died in 1880. Both are buried at Alma, Wis. Mr. and Mrs. Miley were the parents of seven children, two of whom survive: Michael R., the subject of this sketch; and Julia Blum, who lives at West Palm Beach, Florida.

Michael R. Miley spent his boyhood in Wisconsin and was educated in the public schools there. He later attended Valparaiso University and in 1896 was graduated from Rush Medical College. He spent a year in private practice in Chicago, and then located at Beecher, in August, 1897.

On Oct. 14, 1899, Dr. Miley was united in marriage with Miss Emily Manz, a native of Wisconsin. They have had the following children: Alice, Bernice, and Olive, all at home; and Milton, who died in infancy.

Dr. Miley is a Republican and has served as mayor of Beecher for two terms. He has been a member of the school board for 27 years. He is identified with the Will County Medical Society, and Illinois State Medical Society. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and is affiliated with A. F. and A. M. No. 1087, Beecher, and Modern Woodmen of America. Dr. Miley is widely known in Beecher and takes an active interest in the social and civic life.

**Henry Hack.**—Numbered among the solid and responsible business men of Will County, Henry Hack has long been connected with the business life of Beecher. He was born in Germany, July 29, 1855, the son of John and Sophia (Luth) Hack.

John Hack, deceased, was a pioneer settler of Will County. He came to this country early in life and purchased a farm of 160 acres in Will County. Later, he became interested in the meat business at Beecher and also conducted a general mercantile business. He was well known as a dependable merchant in this community. He died in 1908 at the age of 71 years. His wife died in 1918. Both are buried at Beecher. The business, established by Mr. Hack, is now carried on successfully by his grandson, Arthur Hack, and is one of the oldest business houses in the county. To Mr. and Mrs. Hack were born the following children: Herman, died in 1926; Henry, the subject of this sketch; Carl, retired, lives at Hammond, Ind.; Frank, deceased; and Emma, married Sherman Lyte, lives at Peotone, Ill.

The boyhood of Henry Hack was spent in Washington Township and he attended the district schools. He was associated with his father's business at Beecher until about 1885, at which time he established his present undertaking business at Beecher. He also opened his hotel at that time and to the present time has ranked among the reliable hotel owners of Will County. A livery business, organized by Mr. Hack, was discontinued about 1910. In its place the garage of Hack & Son was organized and they are local dealers for the Chevrolet automobile. A first class repair shop is conducted in connection with the sales service and a complete line of automobile accessories is handled by the firm.

On May 1, 1883, Mr. Hack was united in marriage with Miss Mary Bielfeldt, of Beecher, the daughter of Henning and Catherine (Dateleaf) Bielfeldt, both deceased. To them were born two children: Edmund C., born Jan. 13, 1888, a graduate of Chicago Heights High School and Loyola Medical College, Chicago, now a physician and surgeon at Hammond, Ind., married on Nov. 21, 1912, to Miss Margaret Schwartz, of Chicago, and they have three sons, Theodore, Robert, and LeRoy; and Albert B., born April 24, 1892, a graduate of Beecher High School, now associated with his father's business interests at Beecher, married on Dec. 29, 1912, to Miss Marie Deneke, of Beecher, and they have a daughter, Betty Jene, born Oct. 2, 1928.

Mr. Hack has always been a Republican. He is a member of the Evangelical Church of Beecher, and is affiliated with A. F. and A. M.

No. 1087, Beecher, and Modern Woodmen of America. He has served as village trustee and has been constable of Beecher for a period of 30 years, as well as deputy sheriff of Will County.

Mary (Bielfeldt) Hack died Nov. 10, 1924, at the age of 69 years, and is buried in the Beecher Mausoleum.

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**William Ostermeyer**, highway commissioner of Washington Township, is a representative citizen of Will County, where he has spent his entire life. He was born on the Ostermeyer homestead in Washington Township, Nov. 17, 1866, and remained there until 1908, at which time he located at Beecher. He obtained his schooling in the district schools of Washington Township and until his retirement ranked among the highly successful farmers of the township. He has held the office of highway commissioner since 1922.

Mr. Ostermeyer was married in 1896 to Miss Mina Ruge, who was born in Washington Township. She died in December, 1907, at the age of 36 years, and is buried in St. John's Evangelical Cemetery, Beecher. To Mr. and Mrs. Ostermeyer were born five children, as follows: Edwin, lives at Beecher; Edna, married Lester Williamson, lives in Beecher, and to them were born three children: Lester, Jr., deceased; Phyllis Jean; and James Lee; William, Jr., lives at Beecher; Emma, married Doctor Theodore Schwarz, Chicago, and they have two children, Edmund William, and William Rheinhold; and Mina, married George Buttell, Jr., lives at Steger, and they have a son, George Joseph.

Politically Mr. Ostermeyer is a Republican. He has always been connected with the educational system of Washington Township and is now serving as trustee. He resides at Beecher although he is still the owner of the homestead of 120 acres in Washington Township.

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**John Luecke** is a well known resident of Crete, where he has lived for the past 35 years. He was born at Monee, Will County, July 11, 1857, the son of Henry and Gustena (Huckemeyer) Luecke.

Henry Luecke, son of Earnest Luecke, was a native of Germany and among the early settlers of Will County, having located on a tract of 80 acres near Monee during the early days. He became a successful farmer and stockman and was living retired at the time of his death in 1895. His wife died in September, 1916. Both are buried in Trinity



Cemetery, Crete. To Mr. and Mrs. Luecke were born the following children: Henry, retired, lives at Crete; John, the subject of this sketch; Fred, deceased; William, lives in Chicago; Emma, married Henry Bruning, lives at Whiting, Ind.; Edward, lives in Chicago; and Martin, who died in 1925.

John Luecke was educated in the district schools and early in life learned the carpenter's trade, which he successfully followed for 25 years. Since 1906 he has been at Chicago Heights in the employ of the Hamilton Piano Company.

In 1884 Mr. Luecke married Miss Louise Wiebrock of Crete. She died in 1886 and is buried in Trinity Cemetery. Mr. Luecke was later married to Miss Sophia Ruhe, of Crete, and to them were born six children, as follows: Adelia, married August Phippenbrink, lives at Crete; Arthur F., city clerk of Crete, married Miss Rose Lober, of Chicago; Helen, married George Mussman, lives at Crete; Selma, married Elmer Schlemmer, lives at Crete; Walter, lives in Chicago Heights, married Miss Antonette Tieri; and Norbert, married Miss Viola Pralle, of Crete, where they now reside.

Mr. Luecke is a Republican and some years ago held the offices of road treasurer and school trustee. He is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

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**F. Herman Wilke.**—One of the successful young business man of Beecher is F. Herman Wilke, who is identified with the firm of Wilke & Rehn, lumber and coal dealers. He was born in Washington Township, Sept. 7, 1899, the son of H. F. and Sophia (Meyer) Wilke.

F. Herman Wilke was four years old when his parents moved to Beecher. He received his early education in the public schools, attended Orr's Business School, Chicago, and later was enrolled at the University of Illinois. He was associated with a lumber firm in Chicago until 1912, at which time he returned to Beecher and made his present connection. This business was founded in 1880 by Arthur Strive and later owned by H. F. Wilke, the father of the subject of this sketch. In 1908 Mr. Wilke formed a partnership with a Mr. Wiechen, who later sold his interest to H. B. Ruge. After a year the elder Mr. Wilke died and Mr. Ruge continued the business alone until 1910. At that time the Wilke interest in the business was sold to H. W. Bockelman, and the business was known as Ruge & Bockelman until 1912, when F. Herman Wilke bought the interest of Mr. Bockelman. Late in 1925 Mr. Wilke, in

partnership with Mr. Rehn, purchased the interest of Mr. Ruge, and the firm has since been known as Wilke & Rehn. They are widely known dealers in lumber, coal, building supplies, and farm machinery.

On Dec. 25, 1912, Mr. Wilke was united in marriage with Miss Hilda Marie Selk of Beecher, the daughter of John and Emma Selk. Mr. and Mrs. Selk live retired at Beecher. To Mr. and Mrs. Wilke have been born two daughters: Carolyn Harriet, born in 1914; and Jane Elizabeth born in 1917.

Mr. Wilke is a Republican, a member of the Zion Lutheran Church, and belongs to the Chicago Heights Country Club. He is an active member of the Lumberman's Club of Chicago.

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**Leo M. Herkert** is numbered among the dependable young business men of Joliet, where he is engaged in the real estate and insurance business. He was born in this city, Sept. 5, 1895, the son of Otto and Louise (Wagner) Herkert.

Otto Herkert, deceased, was a native of Germany. In 1880 he emigrated to this country and settled in Joliet, where he was interested in the meat business for a number of years. He died in 1915 at the age of 52 years and is buried in St. John's Cemetery, Joliet. His wife died in 1924. She was the daughter of Michael and Louise (Wayne) Wagner, pioneer settlers of Joliet. Both are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Herkert have four sons: Raymond, Leo M., Walter, and Robert.

The boyhood of Leo M. Herkert was spent in Joliet and he received his education in the public and high schools of the city. He also is a graduate of the Balfour-Johnson School of Chicago and DePauw University. He was associated in business until 1925 with W. K. Young, of Chicago, and in that year returned to Joliet, where he opened offices in the W. H. Clare Realty Building at Van Buren and Ottawa Street. Mr. Herkert has specialized in allotment work and opened subdivisions at Briar Gate and Westminster. Besides his local business interests he is president of the Citizens Petroleum Company, at Muskegon, Mich., and vice president of the Muskegon Oil Corporation. He is also secretary-treasurer of the Muskegon Development Company.

Mr. Herkert is a Republican, a member of St. John's Catholic Church and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, Third Degree, and Chamber of Commerce and Country Club. He is also a member of the Century Club of Muskegon, Mich.



LEO M. HERKERT



**Harry L. Stade**, general merchant, is among the progressive and enterprising young business men of Beecher, where he was born, Feb. 28, 1890. He is the son of Henry and Emma (Busse) Stade, both deceased.

Henry Stade was born in Cook County, Ill., and located in Washington Township, Will County, about 1870. He owned and operated the home place of 160 acres for a number of years and later came to Beecher, where he established the general mercantile business, which is now owned by his son. He retired from business in 1918 and lived at Beecher until the time of his death, which occurred in 1925. He is buried in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, Beecher. His wife, a native of Washington Township, died in 1898. To Mr. and Mrs. Stade were born four children: Harry L., the subject of this sketch; Alfred, lives in Chicago; Edna, died at the age of 15 years; and Elsie, died in infancy. Mr. Stade was vice president of the Farmers State Bank of Beecher and also vice president of the Illinois Brick Company, Beecher.

Harry L. Stade obtained his schooling in the public schools of Beecher and after completing the high school course attended Orr's Business College, Chicago. Since 1912 he has been associated with his present business and became the owner of the store in 1918. Mr. Stade carries a complete line of general merchandise and also deals in meats, groceries, and confectionery.

On June 4, 1917, Mr. Stade married Miss Caroline Hinz, of DuPage County, Ill. They have two sons: Rowland, born July 12, 1918; and Harry L., Jr., born April 24, 1926.

Politically, Mr. Stade is a Republican. He holds membership in the Zion Lutheran Church, and belongs to the Chicago Heights Country Club. He is vice president of St. Paul's Cemetery Association of Beecher. He has a wide acquaintance in the community and is well liked.

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**William J. Hinz**, whose name is well and favorably known in business and civic circles at Beecher, was born in the Hinz homestead in Washington Township, Will County, Aug. 19, 1873, the son of John and Mary (Stade) Hinz.

John Hinz, retired, was born at Rostock, Mecklenburg, Schwerin, Germany, in 1849. He was nine years of age when his parents came to the United States and settled in Illinois. About 1860 the family removed to Washington Township, and located on the present Hinz farm.

Throughout his active career Mr. Hinze engaged in general farming and stock raising. His wife is also a native of Germany, born June 16, 1848. Mr. and Mrs. Hinze were married in Washington Township in 1872. They had the following children: William J., the subject of this sketch; George, lives at home; Meta, married George Meyer, lives at Beecher; Ernest, lives at Beecher; Carl, lives at Beecher; Anna, married Henry Bohnsack, lives in Monee Township; Herman, lives at Waterloo, Iowa; Henry and Bertha, both deceased.

William J. Hinze obtained his education in the public schools of Beecher and also attended a business college in Chicago. He has been identified with his present business interests since 1894, which was founded by his father in 1882. The store handles a complete line of books, stationery, and notions, and is among the reliable business houses in Will County.

On June 14, 1903, Mr. Hinze married Mary Wassmann, of Brunswick, Ind. They have seven children, as follows: Herbert, born in 1904, attended Bloom Township High School, and the University of Illinois, lives at Gary, Ind., was married in June, 1928, to Miss Esther Knuth, of Dolton, Ill.; Wilmer attends the University of Illinois; Mildred, attends Englewood Business College; Leone, graduated from Bloom Township High School in 1928; Victor, Raymond, and Marion, all students.

Mr. Hinze has always been a Democrat and held the postmastership at Beecher for 11 years, during the Wilson and Harding administrations. He has also been village treasurer and collector. Mr. Hinze is an active member of the Zion Lutheran Church of Beecher, and for the past 22 years has been treasurer of the Northern Illinois District of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and other states.

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**Charles Bahlman**, deceased, was a highly esteemed citizen of Beecher. He was born on a farm in Washington Township, Will County, March 5, 1872, the son of Henry and Dorothy (Horste) Bahlman.

Henry Bahlman was among the first settlers of Eagle Lake in Washington Township, where he improved a farm of 300 acres, now owned by a Mr. Hibbing. There were six children in the Bahlman family, of whom Charles, the subject of this sketch, was the youngest.

Charles Bahlman grew up on his father's farm and attended the district schools of Washington Township. For a time he conducted

a creamery business at Goodenow and later was a well contractor in Will County. He owned and operated a cafe business at Beecher for some time and in 1921 became interested in the oil and gas business at Beecher. He was thus engaged at the time of his death in 1925. The business is still carried on by the widow of Mr. Bahlman. It is the local agent for the Sinclair Oil Company and distributes to Monee, Peotone, and Chicago Heights. Three automobile trucks distribute the products of this well established business.

On July 31, 1896, Mr. Bahlman was united in marriage with Miss Minnie Schweer, of Washington Township, the daughter of Conrad and Mary (Wille) Schweer, natives of Germany. Mr. Schweer came to the United States early in life and purchased a farm of 120 acres in Washington Township, Will County. He died in 1907 and his wife died in 1909. Both are buried in Eagle Lake Cemetery. To Mr. and Mrs. Bahlman were born two children: a boy died in infancy; and Dorothy, the wife of Herbert Saller, lives at Crete, where Mr. Saller is engaged in the coal business. Mr. and Mrs. Saller were married on Dec. 17, 1925, in Chicago. They have had two children: Charlene, born Nov. 6, 1926; and a son who died in infancy in January, 1928.

Mr. Bahlman was a member of the Lutheran Church and was widely known in the community where he spent his entire life.

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**John P. Conrad** is a leading merchant of Monee and a substantial citizen of Will County. He was born at Monee, March 20, 1866, the son of Henry and Charlotte (Schmitt) Conrad.

Henry Conrad was born in Germany in 1827. He came to the United States in 1857 and settled in DuPage County, Ill., but the following year removed to Monee. He was a shoemaker by trade but in 1878 established the hardware and implement business at Monee which is now conducted by his son. He died in 1910, and his wife, who was born in Germany in 1830, died in 1890. They are buried in St. Paul's cemetery, Monee. Mr. Conrad was a life long Republican and held the office of justice of the peace for a period of 30 years. He was also town clerk. To Mr. and Mrs. Conrad were born three children, one of whom survives, John P., the subject of this sketch.

John P. Conrad attended the public schools of Monee and was also a student at the Metropolitan Business College. Early in life he became identified with his father's business. In 1907 he became interested in

the newspaper business as editor of the Review. It is a weekly newspaper with a subscription list of 500. Mr. Conrad has always been interested in the civic life of Monee and served as postmaster from 1897 until 1914. He has been supervisor of Monee Township since 1917.

On March 20, 1899, Mr. Conrad was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Brockman, of Green Garden, Ill., the daughter of Henry and Sophia Brockman, both deceased. They have three children: Harry, who is associated with his father's business; Blanche, married Fred Homan, lives at Monee; and Esther, married Christ Holl, lives at Monee, and they have a daughter, Leona.

Mr. Conrad is a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Church. He is a Republican in politics and has served as committeeman from this district since 1894. He has also been a member of the local school board for the past 12 years.

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**Henry Wehmhoefer**, president of the Farmers State Bank of Beecher, is a leading citizen and highly successful business man of Will County. He was born in Chicago, June 30, 1871, the son of William and Mary (Seegers) Wehmhoefer.

William Wehmhoefer, deceased, was a native of Germany and among the first settlers of Chicago. He removed to Beecher in 1884 and died there in 1886. He is buried in St. John's Cemetery, Beecher. His widow later married Frank Hoffman. She died in January, 1920, at the age of 71 years. To William and Mary (Seegers) Wehmhoefer were born the following children: Minnie, married H. F. Claus, lives at Beecher; Henry, the subject of this sketch; Elizabeth, deceased; William, lives at Beecher; Edward, deceased; Carrie, deceased; Lydia, married Leonard Cole, lives at Steger, Ill.; Matilda, deceased, was the wife of Wm. Westphal; and Mrs. Clara Peters, lives at Monee. By her second marriage Mrs. Hoffman had a daughter, Carrie. She is unmarried and lives at Beecher.

Henry Wehmhoefer spent his boyhood in Chicago and Beecher, having removed here with his parents. He was educated in the parochial schools and early in life was a painter and decorator by trade. He was employed in Chicago for a time and later returned to Beecher, where he has been well known as a hardware merchant for the past 33 years. He is also owner of the Dixie Highway Garage, authorized dealers for the Reo and Chandler automobiles at Beecher. He has had the agency for the Reo car since 1911 and the Chandler car since 1920. It is among



the up-to-date garages of the county and has in its employ several first class mechanics.

Mr. Wehmhoefer was married Sept. 25, 1895, to Miss Augusta Wehling, who was born in Washington Township, Will County. To them were born four children: 1. Ethel, a graduate of Joliet Township High School, married Arthur Hacke, and they have a daughter, Geraldine. 2. Lawrence, associated with his father's business, lives at home. Howard, a student. 4. Harold, died at the age of four years.

In politics Mr. Wehmhoefer is independent. He is a member of St. Luke's Church, and is affiliated with A. F. & A. M. No. 1087, Beecher, and the Modern Woodmen of America.

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**George Sonneborn**, president of the Eastern Will County State Bank at Monee since 1909, figures prominently not only in financial circles, but also as a representative and progressive citizen who has been honored by his fellow townsmen by various offices of public trust and responsibility. He was born in Baltimore, Md., May 15, 1853. His father, George Sonneborn, was a native of Ballenberg, Germany, and was 76 years of age at the time of his death in 1892. It was in 1850 that he crossed the Atlantic to the United States and took up his residence in Baltimore, Md. He was a tailor by trade and remained in Baltimore until 1861, when he removed with his family to Monee Township, Will County, making his home for a brief period with his wife's people. He afterwards spent six years in Bloom, Cook County, Ill., where he worked at his trade and also clerked in a store. In 1867 the family returned to Monee, where the father invested in village property. In 1875 he established a clothing and men's furnishing store, being the pioneer in that line in Monee, and he developed and successfully conducted a general mercantile enterprise until his death. He was a good business man of sound judgment who prospered in his undertaking and followed methods which commended him to the confidence and trust of all. He held membership in St. Paul's Evangelical Church, of which he was one of the trustees, and while a resident of Baltimore, he joined the Improved Order of Red Men. His political allegiance was given to the Democracy and he filled the office of trustee in his village. He was a man held in the highest esteem, possessed a charitable, benevolent spirit, and gave generously according to his means. His wife, Catherine (Bischel) Sonneborn, was born in Schwarznau, in the Province of Westphalia,

Germany, in 1823, and died in 1904. She came to Baltimore in 1851 from Germany and was married the same year, having known her husband while they were still residents of Germany. She was also a member of the German Evangelical Church. Their family numbered two sons: George, the subject of this sketch; and John B. The latter was born in Baltimore, Sept. 15, 1855, and is now a member of the firm of G. Sonneborn's Sons. He is also vice president of the Eastern Will County State Bank, and was one of the charter members at the organization of this bank. He married Emma, daughter of John and Magdalena Kolstedt, and they have one child, Leola. She was born Feb. 9, 1889, and was a teacher in the schools of Monee before her marriage to Fred H. Emde, who is assistant cashier of the Eastern Will County State Bank.

George Sonneborn attended the public schools of Monee and in 1868 entered the post office as a clerk, where he remained until 1871. At that time he was employed in a general store in Chicago, where he continued until the fall of 1877. He then returned to Monee and took charge of his father's business, admitting E. R. Freese as a partner in the grocery store. Mr. Freese remained in the firm for 12 years. John B. Sonneborn returned from Chicago, where he had been engaged in clerking for eight years, and entered the store, being still a member of the firm. Both George and John B. Sonneborn are stockholders in the Eastern Will County State Bank, and have been members of its board of directors since assisting in the organization of the institution in 1903. George Sonneborn was elected vice president in 1905, and has occupied the presidency since 1909. His name is well known in commercial and financial circles and the firm of Sonneborn is doing an extensive and profitable business as dealers in groceries and clothing in Monee.

On Dec. 9, 1877, Mr. Sonneborn was married to Miss Charlotte Bischel, who was born in Germany in 1860, her parents being Henry and Charlotte (Shilling) Bischell, who were early settlers of Monee Township. Mrs. Sonneborn died Aug. 7, 1921. By her marriage she became the mother of seven children, three of whom survive: Lydia, born Dec. 10, 1881, married Ewalt Loehr, lives at Milwaukee, Wis., and they have two children, Ruth and Helen, twins; Rev. Henry J., born May 15, 1889, died May 15, 1926, was a minister of the gospel, at Cincinnati, Ohio; Roscoe L., who is in the service of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Chicago, married Miss Adele Stassen, of Peotone, and they have two sons, Roscoe L., Jr., and Ralph; and Rev. George, Jr., who is pastor

of the Evangelical Church at Dayton, Ohio. He married Miss Viola Freese, of Monee, and they have two children, George IV., and Lois Jeanette.

George Sonneborn is a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Church. Fraternaly he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has filled all of the chairs, and has been secretary for many years. His political support is given to the Republican party and he has made a splendid record in public office as a member of the county board of education, as city treasurer, and as village president for various periods. During the past 20 years he has served as president of the board of school trustees. His efforts in behalf of public progress have been far reaching and beneficial.

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Dr. C. O. Sullivan, of Monee, is one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Will County. He was born at Ripley, Ohio, Nov. 12, 1885, the son of George and Lucinda (Brown) Sullivan.

George Sullivan, deceased, was a native of Ohio. He was born on a farm near Ripley in 1851, and spent his entire life in that section of the state, where he engaged in general farming. He died in 1918 and is buried in Hickory Ridge Cemetery, Huntington Township, Brown County, Ohio. His widow lives at Monee. To Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan were born two sons: C. O., the subject of this sketch; and Archie, lives at Indianapolis, Ind.

After completing his early schooling in the district schools of Brown County, Ohio, C. O. Sullivan attended Valparaiso University. In 1912 he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the Chicago College of Medicine and Surgery, and in January, 1913, established his private practice at Monee, where he has continued to the present time. He has also been physician and surgeon for the Illinois Central Railroad since 1914 and has been a member of the Board of Health for the past ten years.

Dr. Sullivan married Miss Julia Hughes of Decatur, Ohio. They have four children: Francis, born in October, 1913; Russell, born Nov. 15, 1918; Genevieve, born in February, 1921; and Winifred, born in February, 1928.

In politics Dr. Sullivan is an independent. He is a member of the Methodist Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Modern Woodmen of America.

**Stephen Kodiak**, who is identified with the Will County Cleaners & Dyers, located at 304 Walnut Street, is among the energetic business men of Joliet. He was born in Czecho-Slovakia, March 10, 1889, the son of John and Eva Kodiak.

John Kodiak, who died in 1899, is buried in Czecho-Slovakia, where he spent his entire life. He was a building contractor. His widow, now 74 years of age, resides on the family homestead. There were nine children in the Kodiak family, five of whom survive: Mary, married Joseph Gruce, lives in Chicago; Frances, married John Bitzer, lives in Chicago; John, building contractor, Chicago; Susie, lives with her mother; and Stephen, the subject of this sketch.

Stephen Kodiak acquired a public school education and was 18 years of age when he came to this country and settled in Joliet. Unable to find employment he went to Chicago, where he spent eight years in the dry cleaning and dyeing business. He then returned to Joliet and purchased his present business in 1920. Mr. Kodiak employs approximately 25 people and operates four trucks, his territory covering a large area adjacent to Joliet.

In October, 1909, Mr. Kodiak was married to Miss Kathryn Lipva, of Chicago. They have three children, Margaret, attends St. Francis High School; Helen and Frank, both students.

Mr. Kodiak and his family are members of St. Bernard's Catholic Church, and he belongs to the Knights of Columbus, Third Degree, Loyal Order of Moose, Commercial Club, Chamber of Commerce and Elks Lodge. He is also active in the affairs of the National Dyers and Cleaners Association.

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**Fred H. Emde**, assistant cashier of the Eastern Will County State Bank, is among the representative and widely known business men of Monee. He was born at Crystal Lake, Ill., Oct. 15, 1888, the son of William and Sophia (Sonnemann) Emde.

William Emde was born in Germany, as was his wife. Shortly after their marriage they emigrated to the United States and settled at Elgin, Ill., where Mr. Emde engaged in the creamery business. Since 1893 he has been proprietor of the Monee Spring Creamery. Mr. and Mrs. Emde have one son, Fred H., the subject of this sketch.

Fred H. Emde received his education in the public schools of Monee and began his business career with the Illinois Bell Telephone Company in this city. He later was employed by the same company in Chicago



STEPHEN KODIAK



for eight years, after which he engaged in the electrical contracting business at Geneva, Ill. He has been a resident of Monee for the past 20 years and has been connected with the Eastern Will County State Bank as assistant cashier since 1922.

On June 30, 1912, Mr. Emde was united in marriage with Miss Leola Sonneborn, of Monee, the daughter of John and Emma (Kolstedt) Sonneborn. They have a daughter, Audrey, born in 1917.

Politically, Mr. Emde is a Republican. He is a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Monee, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Loyal Order of Moose.

The Eastern Will County State Bank of Monee was organized in July, 1903, by George S. Miller, John Kolstedt, John B. Sonneborn, and Henry J. Schluntz, with a capital of \$25,000. Its doors were opened for business on Aug. 10, 1903, under the direction of the following officers: John Kolstedt, president; Albert P. Lilley, vice president; Henry J. Schluntz, secretary; and George S. Miller, cashier. The members of the first board of directors were: John Kolstedt, John Scheidt, Louis Siefer, George S. Miller, Fred Nagel, Nicholas Fortmiller, George Sonneborn, Albert P. Lilly, and Henry Schluntz. Albert P. Lilly was succeeded in the vice presidency by George Sonneborn about 1905. Following the resignation of John Kolstedt in January, 1909, George Sonneborn was elected president while Nicholas Fortmiller was chosen vice president. After the death of the latter on March 18, 1917, John Scheidt occupied the position of vice president until his death, when he was succeeded by Philip Glaser, who has served as vice president since Jan. 23, 1918. George S. Miller has been cashier and active head of the institution from the beginning. Harold Miller was elected secretary in January, 1922, Fred Emde was made teller, Dec. 1, 1923, and Martin W. Peters has been connected with the bank as bookkeeper and auditor since 1920. The present directors are: George Sonneborn, John B. Sonneborn, G. S. Miller, Harold Miller. Besides having paid annual dividends of 8 per cent the Eastern Will County State Bank has accumulated a surplus of \$50,000, and undivided profits of \$12,839.99. This is what is known as an honor roll bank, its surplus and undivided profits being in excess of its capital, now \$62,839.99. It was due to the efforts of the Eastern Will County State Bank that Monee was the first town in Illinois to "go over the top" at the time of the issue of the first Liberty Loan.

A modern bank building was erected by The Eastern Will County State Bank at the time of its organization. It is of Roman architecture,

with Bedford Stone front, and was built at an approximate cost of \$11,000.00. It has correspondence relations with the Continental and Commercial National Bank of Chicago, and the First National Bank of Joliet.

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**Herman P. Yung**, cashier of the Citizens State Bank of Peotone, is among the most progressive and successful business men of Will County. He was born at Peotone, Oct. 14, 1879, the son of William and Margaret (Conrad) Yung.

William Yung was born in Wassungen, Germany, and came to the United States when he was 16 years of age. About 1872 he located at Peotone, where he was employed as a brick mason for a number of years. He served as local postmaster and later in life was interested in the grain business. He was one of the founders of the Bank of Peotone in 1902, and served as vice president. He died Oct. 13, 1920, and is buried in the Peotone Cemetery. He was affiliated with the Masonic Lodge and was prominent in local affairs, having served as supervisor of Peotone for 12 years, as a member of the village board, and as president of the school board. His widow, who was born at Proviso, Ill., lives at Peotone. To Mr. and Mrs. Yung were born the following children: Herman P., the subject of this sketch; Louida, married John C. Hoenk, lives at Peotone; Gertrude J., unmarried, lives at home; August, died at the age of 11 years; Henrietta, deceased; and Helen K., married W. C. Harvey, lives at Milwaukee, Wis.

Herman P. Yung attended the public schools of Peotone and following his graduation from high school in 1895 he entered the North Side Business College, Chicago. He later enrolled in the Northern Indiana Law School at Valparaiso, from which he was graduated in 1900. He was then associated with the general merchandise business of Schroeder Brothers, at Peotone, until 1902, when he organized the Bank of Peotone. In January, 1921, it was merged with the Citizens Bank of Peotone, and since that date Mr. Yung has served as cashier.

On Oct. 18, 1906, Mr. Yung was united in marriage with Miss Beulah Esson, of Peotone, the daughter of Elijah and Hattie (Wells) Esson, both deceased. Mr. Esson, one of the founders of the Bank of Peotone, served as president of that institution until his death, Jan. 1, 1919. His wife died Sept. 30, 1920. They are buried in the Peotone Cemetery. Mrs. Yung is a graduate of the State Normal School at Bloomington, Ill., and before her marriage was a teacher in the schools of Peotone. To



Mr. and Mrs. Yung were born two daughters: Helen Maxine, born March 17, 1908, died March 22, 1911; and Barbara, born July 19, 1915.

Mr. Yung is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, Modern Woodmen of America, and Knights of Pythias, of which he has served as master of exchequer since its organization in Peotone in 1905.

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**The Citizens State Bank of Peotone.**—The Citizens Bank of Peotone was established in 1887 as a private banking house by L. H. Linebarger, and was purchased by Michael Collins in 1892. Following the death of Mr. Collins in 1912 the business was continued by his son, Paul M. Collins, who had been associated with his father from the beginning.

The Bank of Peotone was established in 1902 by William Yung, Elijah Esson, and E. H. Fedde. It was also conducted as a private financial institution. In January, 1921, the Citizens Bank of Peotone and the Bank of Peotone were consolidated as the Citizens State Bank, with a capital of \$30,000.00. The following officers were elected: Paul M. Collins, president; E. H. Fedde, vice president; H. P. Yung, cashier; and F. J. Hinrichs, assistant cashier. The Citizens Bank brought to the consolidation deposits amounting to \$400,000.00, while the Bank of Peotone contributed about \$200,000.00. Since that time the deposits of the merged institution have gradually increased until they now total \$475,000.00. It has correspondence relations with the First National Bank of Joliet, and the Illinois Merchants Trust Company of Chicago.

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**F. C. Deutsche.**—One of the well known and highly esteemed men of Will County is F. C. Deutsche, who lives retired at Monee. He was born on a farm in Monee Township, Will County, April 17, 1863, the son of William and Doris (Hinze) Deutsche.

William Deutsche, deceased, was a native of Germany. He was born in 1825 and died in March, 1917, at the age of 90 years. His wife, also born in Germany, died about 1897. In 1847 Mr. and Mrs. Deutsche came to this country and about 1850 settled in Will County, Monee Township where Mr. Deutsche purchased some of his land for one dollar per acre. He became the owner of 500 acres and was a prosperous farmer. He and his wife are buried in St. Paul's Cemetery, Monee.

They had the following children: Doris, died in 1927, was the wife of John Holle; Minnie, the widow of Louis Weinman, lives at Homewood, Ill.; Louise Offner, died in 1927; F. C., the subject of this sketch; Anna, the wife of Albert Schultz, lives at Seattle, Wash.; William, lives in Monee Township; Ida Kurtz lives at Beecher, Ill.; and August, lives at Los Angeles, Calif.

The boyhood of F. C. Deutsche was spent on his father's farm in Monee Township. He attended the district schools and remained on the home place until after the time of his marriage in 1887. He then became heir to his farm near Monee, where he specialized in dairy farming. His residence is located on his farm on the west side of the village of Monee. In 1900 Mr. Deutsche retired.

In 1887 Mr. Deutsche married Miss Mary Weinman, who was born in Richton, Cook County, Ill., in 1861. She is a daughter of Michael and Margaret (Eshenbacher) Weinman, natives of Germany, who came to the United States in April, 1853, settling at Richton, Cook County, Ill. They had a son who died in infancy.

Mr. Deutsche is independent in politics and from 1902 until 1907 he served as township assessor. He is an elder of St. Paul's Evangelical Church and is active in church affairs.

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**John C. Adams**, owner and editor of the Peotone Vedette, a weekly newspaper, is perhaps one of the best known newspapermen of Will County. He was born at Peotone, June 23, 1866, the son of John and Anne (Crawford) Adams.

John Adams was among the first settlers of Will County. Both he and his wife were born in northern Ireland and shortly after their marriage came to America and settled in Illinois. Mr. Adams was a farmer in Peotone Township for many years and owned 400 acres of land. He died in 1917 at the age of 81 years and his wife died in 1893. Both are buried in Peotone Cemetery. To Mr. and Mrs. Adams were born the following children: John C., the subject of this sketch; Dr. Arthur R., physician, lives at Macomb, Ill.; Elizabeth, a teacher of mathematics at Englewood High School; and Ralph, died at the age of 14 years.

John C. Adams was educated in the public schools of Peotone and attended Valparaiso University. He was connected with the teaching profession for eight years, being principal of a large Wisconsin school for three years. He founded the Peotone Vedette in 1894 and is the

second oldest newspaperman in Will County. He is also publisher and owner of the Review at Monee and is widely known as an authority on local history.

On Aug. 26, 1891, Mr. Adams married Miss Stella Chubb, who was born at Hardwick, Vt. She spent several years as a teacher in the schools of Chippewa County, Wis., before her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Adams have two daughters: Mrs. Myra A. Whitworth, of Chicago, a teacher of languages in the high schools of that city. She is a graduate of Indiana University; and Edith, married Dale A. Leifheit, lives at DeKalb, Ill., and they have two sons, John A. and Dale A., Jr. She is a graduate of the DeKalb Teachers College and was connected with the schools of Cook County before her marriage.

Mr. Adams is prominent in the affairs of Peotone. He has served as postmaster and as president of the Chamber of Commerce. He is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has also served on the local school board.

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**Edward H. Fedde** is among the capable and well known men of Peotone, where he has been known as a funeral director for many years. He was born at Mومence, Ill., Feb. 13, 1867, the son of Henry and Anna (Hecht) Fedde.

Henry Fedde, deceased, was among the prominent pioneer business men of Will County. He was born in Holstein, Germany, Sept. 9, 1827. He was a cabinet maker by trade and in May, 1854, emigrated to the United States and settled in Joliet. After five years he removed to Mومence, in Kankakee County, where he engaged in the furniture business until 1867. He then came to Peotone where he founded the furniture and undertaking business which is now conducted by his son, Edward H. Fedde. On June 30, 1857, Henry Fedde married Miss Anna Hecht, who was born in Germany. They had three sons: John F., born Aug. 13, 1858, died in 1900; Henry, born May 5, 1860, died Aug. 15, 1861; and Edward H., the subject of this sketch. Mr. Fedde died in 1889 and his wife died in 1904. They are buried in the Peotone Cemetery.

Edward H. Fedde, during his youth, attended the public schools of Peotone, and is a graduate of Metropolitan Business College, Chicago. He also studied embalming in Chicago and early in life became associated with his father's business at Peotone. His funeral home, which is the only one at Peotone, is one of the up-to-date and well equipped mor-

tuaries to be found in this section of Illinois. Mr. Fedde is also a well known furniture dealer and is vice president of the Citizen's State Bank of Peotone.

On Oct. 30, 1889, Mr. Fedde was married to Miss Elizabeth Conrad, of Peotone, the daughter of Peter and Katharina (Gross) Conrad. Mr. Conrad was born in Oldenbach, Rheinphalz, Bavaria, Germany, May 29, 1825. He was a shoemaker by trade and was among the early settlers of Will County, having located at Peotone in 1857. He became well known as a manufacturer of cheese and butter. Both Mr. and Mrs. Conrad are deceased and are buried in the Peotone Cemetery. To Mr. and Mrs. Fedde were born three children: Harry, who is associated with his father's business, married Miss Edith Craig, who died in 1926, leaving two children, Joan and Marian, and he was married May 26, 1928, to Miss Frances Conrad of Peotone; Ruth, married Stanley Arnold, a member of the firm of Arnold, Harken & Co., Peotone, and they have a daughter, Jane; and Katherine, married E. K. Ladd, of Morgan Park, Ill., and they have two children, Edward Fedde, and Elizabeth Ann.

Mr. Fedde is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, 32nd degree, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias. He has served as president of the school board of Peotone for many years and is active in local affairs. Mr. Fedde is the owner of a well improved farm of 275 acres near Momence, Ill., and also owns city property at Gary, Ind.

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**J. W. Turner.**—One of the most prominent of the younger physicians of Will County is Dr. J. W. Turner, who is engaged in the practice of his profession at Peotone. He was born at Elizabethtown, Ill., March 24, 1885, the son of William and Matheny (Lecia) Turner.

William Turner, deceased, was a prosperous farmer and stockman of Elizabethtown, Harden County, Ill., where he spent his entire life. He died in 1914 and is buried at Carbondale, Ill. His widow lives at Carbondale. To Mr. and Mrs. Turner the following children were born: James, lives in Carbondale; Daisy, deceased; Roland, lives at Joliet; J. W., the subject of this sketch; Lulu, married Joseph Carrington, lives at Carbondale; Lloyd, lives at Carbondale; Nellie, married Clayton Schwartz, lives at Gibson City, Ill.; and Arza, lives at Carbondale.

J. W. Turner attended the public schools of Elizabethtown, and in 1910 was graduated from the Medical University of Louisville, Ky., with

the degree of Doctor of Medicine. The following year was spent in private practice at Steger, and in 1911, Dr. Turner located at Peotone, where he established his present practice.

On July 27, 1909, Dr. Turner married Miss Julia Cahill, of Kankakee, Ill. They have a son, Russell Vernon, born April 20, 1910. He was graduated from Peotone High School in 1928. He is now a student at the University of Illinois.

Dr. Turner is identified with the Will County Medical Society, Illinois State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. He served as health officer of Peotone for eight years. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with A. F. and A. M. No. 636, Peotone, and the Consistory at Bloomington, Ill. During the world War Dr. Turner was medical examiner at Joliet, Ill. He is a member of the medical staff at St. Mary's Hospital at Kankakee, Ill. Politically he is a Republican.

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William Jurres, retired, is a highly esteemed citizen of Peotone, where he has spent practically his entire life. He was born on a farm in Wilton Township, Will County, Nov. 23, 1862, the son of Frederick and Lesette (Barton) Jurres.

In 1864 Frederick Jurres brought his family to Peotone Township where he became the owner of 160 acres of well improved land. This farm is now owned by his widow, Mrs. Jurres.

At the age of 16 years William Jurres left his father's farm and was employed in various capacities for a time. Later he entered the employ of Martin Collins, hardware merchant of Peotone. In 1896 he purchased the business from Mr. Collins, in partnership with his brother, Fred Jurres. About 1920 William Jurres became sole owner of the business. He retired two years later and turned over his interests to his son, Gilbert Jurres, who is now associated with his brother-in-law, Stacey Barton. The firm is known as Jurres-Barton and Co., and is among the largest hardware houses in this county. Since his retirement Mr. Jurres has been extensively interested in real estate.

On Feb. 22, 1893, Mr. Jurres was united in marriage with Miss Mary Deidrich, who was born in Wilton Township, Will County, Sept. 28, 1870, the daughter of Henry Deidrich. Mr. Deidrich died in 1904 and his wife died in 1885. They are buried in West Peotone Cemetery. Mrs. Jurres died July 22, 1918, and is buried in Peotone Cemetery. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jurres: Gilbert, born in Wilton

Township, March 15, 1898, married Miss Helen Ruppert, of Crete, and they have two daughters, Delores, and Marian; and Elsie, who married Stacey Barton, and they have a son, Billy B. Barton.

Mr. Jurres has been a Republican since he cast his first vote for President Blaine. He and his family hold membership in the Lutheran Church and are widely known members of the community in which they live.

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**J. C. Owens, M. D.**, of Plainfield, is among the best known physicians and surgeons of Will County, where he has engaged in the practice of his profession continuously since 1883. He was born in Oneida County, N. Y., Jan. 3, 1857, the son of Henry and Nancy (Kees) Owens.

Henry Owens was born in Wales and his wife was a native of New York. They lived in New York practically their entire lives and Mr. Owens was well known in Oneida County as a farmer. J. C., the subject of this sketch, was the youngest of three children.

J. C. Owens received his early education in the district schools and took up the study of medicine at the Syracuse Medical College, from which he received his degree as Doctor of Medicine in 1881. He served as interne the following year in the Rochester (N. Y.) City Hospital and in 1882 located at Joliet. The following year he removed to Plainfield where he has continued in practice to the present time. In 1888 Doctor Owens opened a drug store in connection with his medical work and a few years later established a jewelry business. His drug store, which has been conducted by him for 37 years, is the oldest in the city and one of the finest drug stores in Will County. Doctor Owens owns 960 acres of fine farm land in Kendall County, which is divided into several farms.

On Dec. 5, 1883, Doctor Owens was united in marriage with Miss Mary H. Hitchcock, who was born at Troy, N. Y., Oct. 23, 1861, the daughter of Hiram D. and Mary Jane (Cutting) Hitchcock. Mr. Hitchcock, an early settler of Grundy County, served as county clerk for many years. Mrs. Owens died May 24, 1928, and is buried in the Plainfield Cemetery. Three children were born to Doctor and Mrs. Owens: Robert H., deceased; Kenneth H., born Dec. 23, 1890, a graduate of Plainfield High School and the University of Vermont, now an investment banker in stocks and bonds at Detroit, Mich., married Miss Dorothy Chittenden, of Denver, Colo., and they have three children, John C., Dorothy and Kenneth H.; and Jay C., born Sept. 15, 1892, a graduate

DR. J. C. OWENS



MISS MARY HITCHCOCK OWENS







of Joliet Township High School and the University of Wisconsin, now engaged in the automobile business at Canton, Ill., where he is dealer for the Packard and Dodge cars, married Miss Verne Perry, of Joliet, Ill., and they have two children, Mary H. and Robert P.

Doctor Owens is a staunch Republican, a member of the Congregational Church, and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, and Chamber of Commerce. He is identified with the Will County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association.

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**Henry W. Deininger.**—One of the progressive business men of Peotone is found in Henry W. Deininger, who is identified with Deininger & Son, grain dealers. He was born in Benton County, Mo., Jan. 12, 1863, the son of John George and Anna (Buhler) Deininger.

John George Deininger was born in Wurttemberg, Germany, and emigrated to the United States in 1849. He settled in Peotone Township, Will County, and later lived in Wilton Township. He spent several years in Missouri. He became one of the leading stockmen of Wilton Township and was living retired at the time of his death in 1919. His wife died in 1884. They are buried in Wilton Center Cemetery. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Deininger: Christ, lives at Donovan, Ill.; Mrs. Eva Hehr, lives in Chicago; Henry W., the subject of this sketch; John, Emma, Mary, and Martin, all deceased.

The education of Henry W. Deininger was obtained in the district schools of Wilton Township. Early in life he became interested in the buying of stock and he now ranks among the leading stock dealers of Will County. He has engaged in the grain business at Peotone since 1900, being a member of the firm of Deininger & Wilson until 1915, at which time the business was owned by the North Elevator. It was later sold to the Farmer's Elevator Company of Peotone, and in 1926 Mr. Deininger and his son took over the business. Mr. Deininger is also the owner of 360 acres of land in Wilton and Peotone Townships.

On March 8, 1884, Mr. Deininger was united in marriage with Miss Julia Rogers of Wilton Township, the daughter of August and Caroline (Wentzel) Rogers, natives of Germany, and early settlers of Wilton Township. Both are deceased and are buried in Wilton Center Cemetery. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Deininger: Lizzie Anderson, lives in Peotone Township; Fred A., associated with his father's business, married Miss Etta Schmidt, of Peotone Township;

H. O., lives at Peotone, married Miss Lily Knoope, lives at Peotone; Julia Ritz, lives in Wilton Township; Arline, married Gerald Croxon, lives at Peotone; and Clara, who died at the age of 30 years.

Mr. Deininger has always been a Republican. He is a member of the First Evangelical Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Modern Woodmen of America. He has served as a member of the board of education for ten years and on the board of supervisors of Peotone for a period of 16 years.

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**Henry R. Meyer**, who lives retired at Peotone, is among the highly esteemed and widely known citizens of Will County. He was born in Kankakee County, Ill., Oct. 16, 1861, the son of John and Louisa (Dopp) Meyer.

John Meyer and his wife were natives of Germany. They came to the United States about 1857 and were married in Kankakee County. Mr. Meyer became a successful farmer and was the owner of 120 acres of land. He died Feb. 9, 1898, and his wife died in 1888. Both are buried in Peotone Cemetery. They were the parents of 13 children, five of whom survive. Henry R., the subject of this sketch, was the second in order of birth.

Henry R. Meyer obtained his education in the district schools and remained on his father's farm until he was 16 years of age. He then rented land for a number of years and became successful as a farmer. At the time of his retirement in 1922 he was the owner of 120 acres of land in Kankakee County. His modern residence of brick construction was erected in 1923.

On Feb. 14, 1884, Mr. Meyer married Miss Mary Sophia Drecksler, of Peotone Township, the daughter of Philip and Sophia (Lipkie) Drecksler, natives of Germany. Mr. Drecksler died in 1918. His widow lives at Peotone. To Mr. and Mrs. Meyer were born 11 children, as follows: 1. Walter, born Nov. 23, 1884, lives on a farm in Will County, married Miss Anna Jacobs, of Peotone. 2. Elmer, born April 17, 1886, lives at Peotone, married Miss Shirley Siemsen, of Peotone; 3. Hattie, born March 11, 1888, died in 1918. 4. Irvin, born Feb. 18, 1890, lives at Peotone, married Miss Laura Keohn. 5. Lester lives at Peotone, married Miss Clara Siemsen. 6. Farris, lives at home, is a World War veteran. 7. Amanda, married Arno Schroeder, lives in Kankakee County. 8. Eleanor, born Nov. 4, 1902, lives at home. 9. Corrien, born Feb. 6,

1906. 10. Clarence, married Miss Hattie Schroeder. He resides on the old homestead in Kankakee County. 11. Marshall, deceased.

Politically Mr. Meyer is a Republican. He is a member of the First Evangelical Church of Peotone and has served as president of the board of trustees for 34 years. He was also school director for 33 years.

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**Rev. Howard M. Heilman, D. D.**—Prominent among the influential men of Joliet is Rev. Heilman, who has served as pastor of St. John's Evangelical Church for the past 25 years. He was born in York County, Pa., Nov. 18, 1855, the son of Peter W., and Deliah (Moul) Heilman.

The Heilman family is of German descent, having come to the United States from the Rhine valley before the time of the Revolutionary War. They settled in Pennsylvania, where Peter W. Heilman was born. He was a farmer. He died at Abbottstown, Pa., at the age of 53 years. His wife died at the age of 75 years. They were the parents of eight children, as follows: Howard M., the subject of this sketch; John, lives in York County, Pa.; Mrs. Emma Little, lives at Gettysburg, Pa.; Mrs. Sarah Mummert, lives at York, Pa.; Charles, lives at York; Albert M., deceased, was pastor of the Grace Lutheran Church, Chicago, before his death in 1926; Peter, lives at Hanover, Pa.; and Anna, died at the age of 17 years.

Howard M. Heilman received his early education in the public schools. He is a graduate of Gettysburg College, and the Lutheran Seminary at Gettysburg, Pa. He received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from the Susquehanna University, Selins Grove, Pa. His first charge was as pastor of the Mount Joy Lutheran Church near Gettysburg, where he spent seven years. He was then transferred to Altoona, where he served as pastor of the Bethany Lutheran Church for ten years. Rev. Heilman came to Joliet in May, 1903 and organized St. John's English Lutheran Church, of which he has since been pastor.

The church is located at the corner of Herkimer and Van Buren streets. St. John's First English Lutheran Church was organized in Lower Castle Hall Feb. 8, 1903 with 21 members. The present pastor preached at the morning and evening services.

At a meeting of the congregation in Castle Hall June 26, 1904 the church council was instructed to purchase the lot on which the church and parsonage were erected. Work on the church edifice was begun in May, 1907. The corner stone was laid Aug. 4, and the church

was dedicated May 31, 1908, and the first services were held Sunday, Feb. 9, 1908.

The church and parsonage are constructed of Bedford stone; and both in exterior and interior is one of the most beautiful church edifices of Joliet.

Feb. 8, 1928, the church celebrated its Silver Jubilee, which was largely attended, not only by the members of this church but a goodly number of citizens from Joliet. It was a demonstration of the appreciation of Doctor Heilman's untiring efforts in Joliet, for a period of 25 years.

On June 10, 1875, Doctor Heilman was united in marriage with Miss Clara Anna Link, of York County, Pa. She died in November, 1925, and is buried in Elmhurst Cemetery, Joliet. They had two daughters: Euphemia, married Dr. H. O. Jones of Altoona, Pa., and they have a son, Henry Howard; and Lenetta, married Theron Cooper, lives in Chicago. Both daughters are graduates of Irving College, in Pennsylvania. Before her marriage Mrs. Jones was supervisor of music in Altoona High School. Mrs. Cooper is at present manager of the Walden Book Shop, in Chicago.

Doctor Heilman is a Republican and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, 32nd degree. He also belongs to the Lions Club and Chamber of Commerce.

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**John P. F. Conrad** is a successful merchant and progressive citizen of Peotone, where he has engaged in the hardware business for many years. He was born in DuPage County, Ill., Dec. 16, 1859, the son of John and Caroline (Schaubel) Conrad.

John Conrad, deceased, was among the prominent pioneer business men of Will County, having established a hardware business at Peotone, which is now conducted by his son, in 1874. He was born in Reinphalz, Bavaria, Germany, April 15, 1830. He came to America in July, 1850, and spent four years in New York City where he worked for a shoe manufacturing concern, and then came to Oak Park, Ill., and later settled at Elmhurst in DuPage County, where he engaged in the mercantile business and also made shoes. In 1869, he removed to Peotone and opened what was then known as the New York House. After several years he was appointed police magistrate, which office he held for six years. He then established a hardware business at Peotone in partnership with his son-in-law, August Schugman. He died in 1892 and is

buried in the Peotone Cemetery. Mr. Conrad was married July 19, 1855, to Caroline Schaubel, who was born in Baden, Germany, Jan. 23, 1837. The hardware business, established by Mr. Conrad, was carried on by his three sons, Frank H., John P. F., and Fred P. Conrad. Frank Conrad retired from the firm in April, 1923, and is now serving as supervisor of Peotone Township. John P. F. Conrad was eleven years old when his parents settled in Peotone. He was educated in the public schools and began his business career in the employ of Schroeder, Smith & Collins, with whom he was connected from 1875 until 1881. He then went with Rathje & Company. Since 1883 he has been connected with the hardware business established by his father. He became one-half owner of the business at that time. It is one of the largest stores of its type in Will County and has a well established trade.

In 1883 Mr. Conrad married Miss Otilie W. Willman, of Washburn, Ill. She is deceased. On July 24, 1925, Mr. Conrad married Miss Josephine Antoinette Hauret, of Geneva.

Mr. Conrad has been a life long Republican and throughout his life has been connected with local politics. He has held the offices of village clerk, and tax collector, and for 36 years has served as Republican committeeman from Will County. He has also been notary public for a period of 36 years, having succeeded his father, who had served as notary public for 34 consecutive years. Mr. Conrad is a member of the First Evangelical Church and is affiliated with A. F. and A. M. No. 636 Peotone, Ivanhoe Commandery, Kankakee, No. 33, Chicago Consistory and Shrine, and also belongs to the Knights of Pythias, Modern Woodmen of America, and Chamber of Commerce.

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**Edward A. Stauffenberg.**—A substantial citizen and dependable business man of Will County is found in Edward A. Stauffenberg, who is manager of the Farmer's Elevator Company at Andres. He was born in Greengarden Township, Will County, Nov. 16, 1883, the son of Henry C. and Phoebe (Rahm) Stauffenberg.

Henry C. Stauffenberg, deceased, was a prominent pioneer of Will County. He was born in Pennsylvania and his wife was a native of Germany. Early in life Mr. Stauffenberg came to Will County and settled on 240 acres of land in Greengarden Township, which he successfully operated until the time of his death in 1919. He is buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Frankfort. His widow resides in New Lenox Town-

ship. Mr. Stauffenberg was a Republican and for a number of years served as justice of the peace. He was an elder of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Greengarden. There were nine children in the Stauffenberg family, of whom Edward A., the subject of this sketch, was the eighth in order of birth.

Edward A. Stauffenberg received his education in the district schools of Greengarden Township and remained on the home place until 1906. He then came to Andres and entered the employ of the Truby Grain Company as a bookkeeper. In July, 1913, the business was taken over by the Andres and Wilton-Farmers Grain Company, and at that time Mr. Stauffenberg was appointed manager of the business.

On Nov. 2, 1911, Mr. Stauffenberg married Miss Mabel Storch, of Peotone, the daughter of Edward and Caroline Storch. They have a daughter, June, born Sept. 12, 1919.

Politically Mr. Stauffenberg is a Republican. He is a member of the West Peotone Methodist Church and is affiliated with A. F. & A. M. No. 636 Peotone, and Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Manhattan. He is a stockholder in the Joliet Lumber & Fuel Company.

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Wallace G. Harsh, who has lived most of his life in Peotone, is well and favorably known in this city, where he is serving as postmaster. He was born here, Sept. 3, 1882, the son of Henry F. and Trivilion (Robinson) Harsh.

Henry F. Harsh, deceased, was a native of Ohio. His parents were born in Pennsylvania. Mr. Harsh came to Illinois in early life and settled at Rockville, but later removed to Peotone, where he followed his trade as a tinsmith for many years. He met with an accidental death in 1910. His wife was born in England, and is also deceased. They are buried in the Peotone Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Harsh had one child, Wallace G., the subject of this sketch.

Wallace G. Harsh obtained his schooling at Peotone. He spent about six years in the employ of a wholesale house in Chicago, and upon his return to Peotone entered the local mail service as a carrier. He served in this capacity for 16 years and in 1923 was appointed postmaster.

On June 17, 1908, Mr. Harsh was united in marriage with Miss Isabel Esson, of Peotone, the daughter of Elijah and Hattie (Wells) Esson, both deceased. Mrs. Harsh is a graduate of the public schools

of Peotone and taught school in Will and Peotone townships for two years. Mr. and Mrs. Harsh have two children, Henry Lawrence and Phyllis.

Mr. Harsh has always been a Republican. He is a deacon of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to A. F. and A. M. No. 636, Peotone. He is a director in the Chamber of Commerce.

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**Richard J. Barr** was born in the Township of Manhattan, Will County, Ill., Nov. 28, 1865; the son of George and Jane (McGrath) Barr, both of whom are deceased.

He received his education in the public schools of Will County and the Joliet High School; taught for three years in Manhattan and Wilton Center. He later took a literary course at the University of Illinois and graduated from the law school of the University of Michigan in the class of 1895; and was admitted to practice in Illinois the same year. He is now in the practice of law with his brother, George A. Barr, in the firm of Barr & Barr.

In 1906 he was married to Miss Mary C. Dougall. They have three children: Mary, Richard J., Jr., and William George.

In 1899 he was elected City Attorney of Joliet and served as Mayor of that city from 1901 to 1903 and from 1905 to 1907. He was elected to the State Senate of Illinois in 1902 and was reelected in 1906, 1910, 1914, 1918, 1922 and 1926.

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**John Mitchell, A. B., M. D.**—Making his specialty in the practice of orthopedic surgery, Dr. Mitchell, with his offices established in the Medical Arts Building, Joliet, has made a thorough study of this department of medical knowledge. He was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, Sept. 17, 1887, and is a son of James and Isabella (Martin) Mitchell.

Both James Mitchell and his wife were born in Scotland. He came to the United States and settled at Troy, N. Y., in 1890, later removing to Lorain, Ohio, where he now resides. He was a master mechanic and was employed in the blast furnaces. There were four children in the Mitchell family: Marion, deceased; Isabel, deceased; John, the subject of this sketch; and Anne, married L. E. Lindsay, a commander in the United States Navy, stationed at Washington, D. C. Mrs. Mitchell died

September, 1910, and is buried at Lorain, Ohio. Mr. Mitchell is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and a Mason. He was commissioner of public safety at Lorain.

John Mitchell was educated in the public schools of Troy and Lorain. His college course was taken at Denison University, Granville, Ohio, where he graduated with the class of 1910. He obtained his degree of Medical Doctor from the Medical Department of Northwestern University in 1916, afterwards serving as an interne in St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago. Dr. Mitchell began his practice at Chicago in 1916. At the time of the World War he enlisted in 1918 at Chicago, and was sent to Camp Oglethorpe, Georgia, as a member of the Medical Corps. He was later transferred to the general hospital at Des Moines, Iowa, and was commissioned a first lieutenant, receiving his discharge with that rank in September, 1920, at Fort Sheridan, Ill.

On Feb. 7, 1918, Dr. Mitchell was married to Josephine Stewart, born in Braidwood, Will County, Ill., July 12, 1887. They have a daughter, Jo Ann, born March 29, 1920, at Jamestown, N. Y.

Dr. Mitchell is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

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**Henry F. Piepenbrink.**—Among the old and highly respected residents of Joliet, Henry F. Piepenbrink is one of the best known. He is now living retired at 507 Bridge Street, Joliet. He was born in Crete, Will County, Dec. 8, 1849, a son of John Otto and Sophia (Wille) Piepenbrink.

John Otto Piepenbrink and his wife were natives of Germany where they were also married. He died in January, 1896, and his wife died in 1898. They are both buried at Crete, Ill. They came to the United States in 1846 on a sailing vessel, taking many weeks to make the trip. They settled at Crete, Ill., where Mr. Piepenbrink was a pioneer farmer. He lived retired before his death. He was a staunch Republican and a member of the German Lutheran Church. To them eight children were born: Otto, Henry F., Conrad, William, and Philip, all deceased, and buried at Crete; John, retired, lives at Crete; Ellen, deceased, was the wife of Henry Sporleder, Crete; and Sophia, married John C. Deason, resides at Crete, Ill.

Henry F. Piepenbrink attended the public schools of Crete and until he was 20 years of age worked on his father's farm. In 1869 he came





HENRY F. PIEPENBRINK



to Joliet. He worked in the County Recorder's office under Conrad Tatge until 1877, and in April of that year was appointed sheriff of Will County by the board of supervisors. In the fall of 1877 he was nominated for sheriff and elected for a two year term, and was reelected in 1879 for a second term.

In the fall of 1881 Mr. Piepenbrink entered the brewing business, being associated with his father-in-law, Fred Sehring. The business was incorporated in 1882 with the following officers: Fred Sehring, president; Louis J. Sehring, superintendent; Henry Sehring, vice president; and Henry F. Piepenbrink, secretary-treasurer. The company being known as the Fred Sehring Brewing Company. The business was continued until prohibition went into effect, at which time Mr. Piepenbrink sold his interests and retired from business.

In 1879 Mr. Piepenbrink was married to Miss Margaret Sehring, a daughter of Fred and Louise (Bez) Sehring. He was born in Langen in the dukedom of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, Dec. 19, 1834, and when 13 years of age accompanied his parents, Weigand and Largaretha (Keim) Sehring to Frankfort Township, Will County, Ill., where he farmed with his parents until 1854, when the family removed to Joliet. Weigand Sehring was a soldier in the war of 1813 in Germany. In 1860 Fred Sehring was appointed a deputy clerk in the recorder's office, and in 1863 was elected county treasurer, retiring in 1867. In 1867 he purchased an interest in the Joseph Braun & Company brewery, and in 1870 gained control of the plant, changing the name to the Columbia Brewery. In 1883 the company was incorporated as the Fred Sehring Brewing Company, with Mr. Sehring as president, in which capacity he remained until his death. On Jan. 16, 1855, he married Louise Bez, who came from Wurtemberg, Germany, a daughter of Jacob and Barbara Bez. She came to the United States in 1853. He died July 2, 1892, and she died Sept. 20, 1909. Both are buried in Joliet. Mr. Sehring was a Democrat and served in the council.

To Henry F. Piepenbrink and his wife four children were born: 1. Louis H., real estate and insurance business, married Ethel Hassey, Joliet. 2. Linda P., married Robert F. McRoberts. He is deceased and she resides in Joliet. She has a son, Henry Frank McRoberts. 3. Alma, deceased. 4. Arthur F., deceased. Both are buried in Joliet.

Mr. Piepenbrink is a Republican and has served on the board of supervisors for 26 years. He attends St. Peter's Lutheran Church, of which he has been president for 50 years. He served for 20 years as

a director of the Will County Bank, and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Piepenbrink is a supporter of all good works and aims, and no one is more willing to aid in raising the standards of human life and in advancing the world's prosperity and well being.

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**Edward Corlett**, general manager and publisher of the Joliet "Herald-News" was born on a farm in Wesley Township, Will County, Ill., Jan. 3, 1871, the son of Phillip and Jane (Kewin) Corlett.

Edward Corlett attended the country schools and Valparaiso University at Valparaiso, Ind., the Law School of The Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington, Ill., graduating in 1894 with the degree of LL. B.; practiced law at Wilmington, Ill., 1894-1901 and at Joliet, Ill., 1901-1922; member of the Law firm of Corlett and Clare (George J.) 1902-1922; General Manager and Publisher of the Joliet Herald-News since 1920; served as City Attorney of Wilmington, Ill., 1895-1899 and as Mayor 1899-1901; Attorney for the Penitentiary Commission, which had in charge the building of a new state penitentiary at Joliet, 1909-1925; delegate to the fifth Constitutional Convention of the state of Illinois, convened at Springfield, Ill., in 1920; Chairman Red Cross War Fund Campaign in Will County 1918, and active in war time work 1917-1918.

Mr. Corlett was married Sept. 1, 1915, to Miss Alice M. VanDuser a daughter of Gilbert and Emma (Haven) VanDuser, of Fredonia, Kansas.

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**Chester R. Kruger**, one of the most successful young business men of Peotone, is a veteran of the World War. He was born in this city, Feb. 1, 1895, the son of John and Margaret (Nixon) Kruger.

John Kruger was born in Germany and his wife is a native of Ireland. Both came to America early in life and after their marriage located on a farm near Peotone in Peotone Township. They have been residents of that section for almost 70 years and are highly esteemed members of the community. To Mr. and Mrs. Kruger were born 11 children, of whom Chester R., the subject of this sketch, is the youngest.

The education of Chester R. Kruger was obtained in the public schools of Peotone. During the World War he volunteered for service

and was sent to Fort William, Maine, and later to France where he served as a member of Battery A, 72nd Regiment. He was discharged from Camp Grant, Ill., April 15, 1919. Upon his return to Peotone he engaged in the meat business, and since that date has been proprietor of the Peotone market. Until 1927 his brother John P. Kruger was associated in business with him.

Mr. Kruger married Miss Dorothy Croxen, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Croxen, of Peotone. Mr. Croxen served as postmaster of Peotone for many years and was also well known as a merchant. To Mr. and Mrs. Kruger have been born two sons: C. Robert, born Aug. 18, 1918; and Benjamin John, born Dec. 23, 1920. C. Robert Kruger was the first war baby born in Will County during the World War.

Mr. Kruger is a member of the Presbyterian Church and is affiliated with A. F. & A. M. No. 636, Peotone, Bloomington Consistory, American Legion, No. 392, Peotone, and Chamber of Commerce. He is a Republican.

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**Paul K. Larson.**—Active in business, social circles, and church affairs, Paul K. Larson of Joliet, Ill., was born in that city Oct. 24, 1893. He is the son of Charles E. and Clara (Cassel) Larson.

Both Charles E. Larson and his wife were born in Sweden. They were married in Joliet, Ill., and to them five children were born: Vida, deceased; Paul K., the subject of this sketch; Clarence, lives in Joliet; Edward, Joliet; and Clara, married George Lindberg, resides in Joliet.

After coming to America Charles E. Larson learned the florist's trade which he still follows. He is a Republican, and a member of the Swedish Mission Church.

Paul K. Larson acquired his education in the public schools of Joliet. On Jan. 25, 1911, he entered the employ of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railroad as a messenger boy and was later appointed a clerk. He held this position until April, 1926, when he was elected town clerk, in which capacity he is now serving.

On Jan. 29, 1918, Mr. Larson was married to Miss Anna Gertrude Koerber, a daughter of Albert and Mary Koerber, residents of Joliet. Mrs. Larson died March 11, 1922, and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Joliet.

Mr. Larson is a Republican and a member of the Swedish Mission Church. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Powhan Lodge, No. 29; and Knights of Pythias, Paul Revere

Lodge. He is secretary of the John Ericsson Republican Club, and a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He is well known in Joliet and has many friends.

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**Fred W. Walter**, a prominent and successful member of the bar of Will County for the past 35 years, is established in the practice of his profession at Joliet, and is one of the liberal and progressive citizens of this city. He was born at Lockport, Ill., in 1870, a son of Michael and Margaret (Pitts) Walter, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history.

Fred W. Walter was educated in the public schools of Lockport and graduated from the high school. He took a special course of two years at Oberlin College, then attended the University of Michigan, graduating in 1893 with the degree of L. L. B. He was admitted to the bar in Michigan and also of Illinois in that year and opened offices in Joliet. In 1896 he became associated with the firm of Higgins & Akin. Upon the election of Mr. Akin to the position of Attorney General of Illinois, the partnership was dissolved, and Mr. Higgins and Mr. Walter were associated under the firm name of Higgins & Walter. Later Mr. Walter severed his connection with the firm and is now associated with Mr. Dibble, with offices in the Morris Building. In 1905 Mr. Walter was elected city attorney for Lockport and was the first attorney to represent that city after its incorporation. He served 12 years in that capacity, and also was for 12 years a member of the school board.

In 1896 Mr. Walter was married in Bismark, Mich., to Mildred W. Walsh.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter have two children: Mildred W., married Clarence L. Beck, a veteran of the World War. She is a graduate of Mt. Ida School, Newton, Mass.; and Winifred, at home, is a graduate of Ohio State University.

Mr. Walter is a member of Lockport Lodge, A. F. & A. M. No. 538; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. No. 27; Joliet Council, R. & S. M. M.; Joliet Commandery, K. T. No. 4; Ansar Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Springfield, Ill.; Shrine Club of Joliet; Sarah D. Moon Chapter Eastern Star; and the Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of the Will County Bar Association, the Illinois Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. Politically he is a Republican.

**Michael Walter**, deceased, for many years one of the most representative and respected citizens of Lockport, Ill., was born in Germany, Dec. 6, 1838, and died in November, 1923, after a long life of uprightness and kindness that may well be an example to all who knew him. He was a son of Andrew and Ursula Walter, natives of Germany, who came to the United States in 1851 and settled at Geneva, Ill., where the father followed farming.

Michael Walter received his early education in his native land. Upon leaving home he served a three year's apprenticeship to the shoemaker's trade at St. Charles, Ill., and in 1855 came to Lockport, Ill., where he was employed as a salesman in a general store. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted April 19, 1861, at Lockport, Ill., joining the Lockport Artillery Company, and was made sergeant. He served the three month's enlistment in training at Cairo, Ill., and then reenlisted for three years service with Company D, Second Illinois Light Artillery. He participated in the battles at Fort Henry, Fort Donelson, Battle of Shiloh, the siege of Corinth, and later was at Bolivar, Tenn. At the Battle of Shiloh he was promoted to first sergeant. He was with Gen. Sherman on his Meridian campaign, after which he went to Memphis, Tenn., and then to Decatur, Ala., where he remained until September, 1864. He was honorably discharged at the close of the war as a first sergeant. During his three and one-half years of service he was not absent from his company for one day on account of illness or because of a furlough. When his military service was ended Mr. Walter returned to Will County and engaged in the wholesale and retail grocery business at Lockport, which he conducted for 46 years.

In 1859 Mr. Walter with a young man companion started for the gold fields of Colorado. They bought an outfit and started for Pike's Peak in a two-wheeled car which they pushed across the prairies. After nine months absence they returned with the hand car but with no gold.

In 1865 Mr. Walter was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Pitts, a daughter of John and Anns Pitts, natives of Luzemburg, Germany, who came to the United States in 1852, and located in Lockport, Ill., where Mr. Pitts was a jeweler. To Mr. and Mrs. Michael Walter ten children were born: John A., Frank M., Fred W., a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history; Robert B.; Emma M., married Clinton W. Ladd; Addie, married Charles W. Kiplinger; Nellie, married Howard Norton; and three children died in infancy. The mother of these chil-

dren died in 1880. In 1887 Mr. Walter married (second) Adaline Heron, a daughter of John and Winifred Heron, natives of New York.

Mr. Walter was a Republican. He served six years as Justice of the Peace, and six years as Supervisor. In Masonry he was a member of Lockport Lodge, No. 538, A. F. & A. M.; Des Plaines Lodge, I. O. O. F. No. 23, being past Noble Grand and Past Deputy Grand Master; B. P. O. Elks, No. 296; and an Honorary member of the Modern Woodmen of the World. He was also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Post No. 401, and served as its first commander.

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**George Roschek.**—One of the progressive business men of Joliet is found in George Roschek, superintendent of the Eagle Paper Company, one of the leading industries of Will County. He was born at Lincoln, Wis., June 10, 1878, the son of Michael and Anna (Hammet) Roschek.

Both Michael Roschek and his wife were natives of Vienna, Austria. He was a miller by trade and in April, 1870, came to the United States and settled near Two Creeks, Wis., where he owned and operated a grist mill. Later he removed to Lincoln, Wis., where he was in charge of the grist mill of George Bottkol. After several years Mr. Roschek removed to Appleton, Wis., where he was in charge of one of the largest mills of the state. He died in 1906 and his wife died in May, 1921. They are buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Appleton, Wis. To Mr. and Mrs. Roschek the following children were born: Mary, married John Sprangers, both deceased; Simon, lives at Kalamazoo, Mich.; Agnes, the widow of John McGinnis; Michael, Appleton, Wis.; George, the subject of this sketch; Anton, deceased; Anna, married George Maurer, lives at Appleton.

George Roschek was 13 years old when he went to work in the paper mills of the Kimberly-Clark Paper Company, at 75c per day. After numerous promotions he was made night superintendent and later assistant superintendent of the mills. Mr. Roschek at various times was connected with the company's five different mills. He resigned his position in 1920 and became assistant superintendent of the Great Western Paper Company, at Ladysmith, Wis. In April of the following year he came to Joliet to accept a position as superintendent of the Eagle Paper Company.

In 1901 Mr. Roschek married Miss Catherine Wagner, the daughter of Michael and Caroline Wagner, natives of Pasueau, Germany. Mr.



Wagner, retired, lives at Appleton, Wis. His wife died April 19, 1927. Mr. and Mrs. Roschek have three children: Kathryn, a graduate of the University of Chicago, member of the faculty of Junior High School, Joliet; Eleanor, a graduate of Loyola University, and graduate nurse, Mercy Hospital, Chicago; and George, Jr., who attends the Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y.

Politically Mr. Roschek is a Republican. He is a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, Holy Name Society, St. Joseph's Society, and Catholic Order of Foresters.

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**Hinman R. Moore** is one of the best known men of Joliet, where he is Associate State Manager of the Inter-Ocean Casualty Insurance Company. He is also a veteran of the World War, having served in France with the Ordinance department.

Mr. Moore was born in Joliet, the son of Edwin M. and Harriet (Hinman) Moore. Edwin M. Moore came to Joliet in 1878. He is vice-president of the Barrett Hardware Company and one of the city's progressive citizens. He is a member of the Central Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America and Loyal Order of Moose. His wife, a native of Canada, died Feb. 14, 1906, and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery. To Mr. and Mrs. Moore were born four children: Hinman R., the subject of this sketch; Helen, married Welcome Dow, lives in Joliet; Genevieve, married Kyle Waite, lives at Twin Falls, Idaho; and Edwin E., a farmer, lives at Wilton Center, Ill.

Hinman R. Moore attended the public schools of Joliet and was graduated from Joliet Township High School in 1907. After his graduation from the University of Wisconsin in 1913, he entered the employ of a wholesale hardware firm in Chicago, where he spent two years. Upon his return to Joliet he became associated with the Barrett Hardware Company as a salesman. He continued with this firm until 1926, at which time he accepted his present position with the Inter-Ocean Casualty Insurance Company.

On Aug. 16, 1919, Mr. Moore married Miss Esther Wray, who was born at Apollo, Pa., July 7, 1898, the daughter of William I. and Agnes (Gumbert) Wray, of Joliet. Mr. and Mrs. Wray, who came to this city in 1915, have four children: Glaphy, married Dr. Leon Stewart, lives at Fort Collins, Colo.; Louise, lives at home; Esther Moore; and Jeanette, married Alexander Findlay, lives at Milwaukee, Wis. To Mr.

and Mrs. Moore have been born two children: Robert Wray, born Feb. 28, 1921; and Harriet Ann, born March 14, 1925.

Mr. Moore is a member of the Central Presbyterian Church and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge and American Legion. He lives at 823 Williams Street, Joliet.

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**Fred W. Steiner**, retired, ranks high among the representative men of Plainfield Township, where he has spent practically his entire life. He was born in Kendall County, Ill., Aug. 11, 1858, the son of Fred and Anna (Herren) Steiner.

Fred Steiner, deceased, was a native of Switzerland. He was born Jan. 6, 1825, and died Nov. 27, 1918. Mr. Steiner came to the United States in 1854 and located in Kendall County. About 1867 he removed to Will County and settled on 160 acres of land in Plainfield Township, where he spent the remainder of his life. This farm was later owned by his son, Robert Steiner. Anna (Herren) Steiner was born in Switzerland, Jan. 26, 1838, and died April 10, 1913. Mr. and Mrs. Steiner were the parents of four sons: Fred W., the subject of this sketch; Charles, deceased; Robert, lives on the homestead in Plainfield Township; and Albert C., merchant, lives at Plainfield.

The boyhood of Fred W. Steiner was spent in Plainfield Township on the farm. He obtained his education in the district schools and also attended Naperville College. For a number of years Mr. Steiner was connected with an Iowa concern and sold Champion harvesters and binders. In 1887 he purchased his present farm in Plainfield Township which consists of 247 acres. Mr. Steiner has lived retired since 1916. He is a stockholder in the Plainfield Grain Company and is well known in the civic and business affairs of Plainfield.

On Nov. 11, 1914, Mr. Steiner married Miss Alice B. Grundy, of Plainfield Township, the daughter of Samuel and Janet (Galloway) Grundy, the former a native of England and the latter of Scotland. Mr. Grundy was an early settler of Will County, having come here in 1852. He died March 11, 1914, at the age of 86 years. His wife was 18 years old when her parents came to the United States. Mr. and Mrs. Steiner have a son, Grundy, who was born March 20, 1916.

Politically, Mr. Steiner is a Republican. He is a charter member of the Knights of Pythias. For the past eight years Mr. Steiner has served as a member of the local school board.



MR. AND MRS. FRED W. STEINER AND SON, GRUNDY



**Edward Merriman.**—A druggist of repute and a young man of the highest standing, E. J. Merriman occupies an enviable position among the younger business men of Joliet. He was born in Leeds, Ill., March 15, 1900, and is a son of Edward A. and Krezenz (Steinhart) Merriman.

Edward A. Merriman was born in LaSalle County, Ill. When a young man he lived in Leeds, and in 1902 located in Joliet. He is an accountant by profession. Mrs. Merriman was born in Germany. They have two children: Edward, the subject of this sketch; and Theolinda, a teacher of Physical Culture. The family are members of the Catholic Church.

Edward Merriman attended St. John's parochial schools, and Joliet Township High School. He then entered the Chicago College of Pharmacy, from which he was graduated in June, 1921, as a pharmacist. He took the examination for registered pharmacist in 1921 and license was issued the same year. He worked at his profession in Chicago and Joliet, and on Nov. 11, 1922, opened a drug store at the corner of Pine and Western Avenue, this city. Mr. Merriman carries a full line of drugs, druggist sundries, toilet articles, etc., and has a very attractive and well equipped store, known as Merriman's Pharmacy.

In 1922 Mr. Merriman was united in marriage with Miss Marie Kinn, a native of Danville, Pa., who came to Joliet 28 years ago, and to them three children have been born: Edward, born Sept. 12, 1923; Paul, born in August, 1925; and Colette, born March 18, 1927. The family are members of the Catholic Church.

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**Grant Houston, M. D.**—The Houston family traces its ancestry back to Ayreshire, Scotland, in 1668. James Houston lived in Paisley, Scotland, and went from there to Tyrone, Ulster County, Ireland. He later emigrated to the United States and settled in New York, where he was married to Margaret Gibson.

Grant Houston was born at Ausable Forks, N. Y., Dec. 9, 1864, the seventh of eight children. He received the degree of Ph. G. in 1890 and the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1891 from the State College of South Dakota. He was later graduated from Hahnemann Medical College in 1894; and took post graduate work at Johns Hopkin in 1911 and 1913. Doctor Houston has also taken graduate work in the University of Vienna, 1909, and London and Leeds in 1921.

Doctor Houston was married to Miss Anna Grace Dunlop, of Dwight, Ill. He has a daughter, Gertrude, who married James D. Rogers of

Chicago, and they have four children: Grant Houston Rogers; James Del Rogers, Jr.; Elizabeth Jane and Ann Jean Rogers, twins.

Doctor Houston is a member of the American Medical Association, American Institute of Homeopathy, past president of the Will County Medical Society, and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He is a member of the surgical staffs of St. Joseph and Silver Cross hospitals, Joliet.

Politically, Doctor Houston is identified with the Republican party. He holds membership in the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Masonic lodge, 32nd degree, Medinah Temple, Medinah Athletic Club, Joliet Shrine Club, Joliet Country Club, and Rotary Club.

The Houston residence is located at 102 Buell Avenue, and Doctor Houston maintains offices in the Barber Building, Joliet.

Doctor Houston has the distinction of being one of the few prominent men of Joliet who may be found in "Who's Who in America."

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**John E. Morrison**, president of the Peoples Abstract Company, is a veteran of the World War. He was born at Heyworth, Ill., Sept. 19, 1886, the son of Jacob and Jennie (Bethel) Morrison.

He acquired his early education in the public and high schools of Danvers, Ill. He entered the University of Illinois in 1904, taking his degree as Bachelor of Laws in 1908. He spent two years in private practice at Bloomington, Ill., and in 1910 came to Joliet, where he has since served as president of the Peoples Abstract Company.

Mr. Morrison held the commission of captain in the Officers Reserve Corps before the World War. At the beginning of the war he was ordered to duty at Fort Riley, Kansas, and served as instructor in the First Officers Training Camp there. He later went to Fort Sill, Okla., graduating from the Infantry School of Small Arms there, after which he was assigned to the 89th Division under Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, serving as division instructor of small arms. He was promoted to major of infantry and assigned to 1st Battalion, 354th Infantry, and went to France with the 89th Division in the spring of 1918. He was wounded Aug. 8, 1918. After his discharge from the hospital he was assigned to the 38th Infantry, Third Division, and remained with this division until the close of the war. He served in Germany with the Army of Occupation and was discharged at Camp Devens, Mass., in 1919. He participated in the battles of St. Mihiel, the Argonne and the

battles in the Verdun sector. He was decorated by the French Government with the Croix de Guerre with Palm. Mr. Morrison is now Lieutenant Colonel of the 342nd Infantry, 86th Division.

In 1913 Mr. Morrison was united in marriage with Miss Villa Gray, of Effingham, Ill. She was born June 27, 1889, the daughter of J. W. and Alice (Jennings) Gray.

Mr. Morrison is a Republican, a Knight Templar, a member of the American Legion, Joliet Country Club, Army and Navy Club, and Chamber of Commerce.

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**Fred W. Worst** is prominent in the civic affairs of Lockport, where he is serving as city supervisor. He was born here April 12, 1859, the son of Jacob and Henrietta (Lang) Worst.

Jacob Worst came to the United States from Germany early in life and settled in Chicago. He later removed to Lockport, where he followed his trade as a shoemaker. He died in 1898 and his wife, also a native of Germany, died in 1900. They are buried in Lockport Cemetery. Mr. Worst was a Democrat and a member of the Catholic Church. There were eight children in the Worst family, as follows: Herman, deceased; Emma, deceased, was the wife of Andrew Dorsch; Albert, lives at Plainfield, Ill.; Alexander, deceased; Mary, deceased; Edward F., lives at Lockport; Clara, married Washington Woodruff, lives in Chicago; and Fred W., the subject of this sketch.

Fred W. Worst received his education in district school No. 91. At the age of 13 years he left school and was employed in the old strawboard paper mill at Lockport. In 1875 he learned the barber trade in Chicago, where he remained four years. He then returned to Lockport and until 1895 conducted a barber shop in this city. He served two years as city police, two years as police magistrate, and in 1900 was elected justice of the peace. He filled the latter office continually until 1927, at which time he was appointed city supervisor to fill the unexpired term of Andrew Anderson. Since 1919 he has also been connected with the Sanitary District.

On Dec. 8, 1880, Mr. Worst married Miss Catherine Miller, who was born at Lockport, Jan. 7, 1861, the daughter of Peter and Sophia M. (Brockman) Miller. Mr. Miller was born in Germany, May 3, 1836, and came to the United States when he was 14 years of age. His family settled at Lockport, where he spent the remainder of his life. He died Dec. 4, 1918. His wife, who was born in Pennsylvania, Feb. 22, 1843,

died March 6, 1920. They are buried in Lockport Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Miller had six children, as follows: Catherine Worst; Henry, deceased; Phillip, lives in Chicago; Carrie, deceased; Emma E., married F. F. Hutton, lives at Lockport; and Louise L., lives at Lockport. Mr. and Mrs. Worst had a son, Louis Alexander. He was born March 5, 1884, and died in 1903.

Mr. Worst is a Republican. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias, Woodmen of America, and Loyal Order of Moose. He lives at 121 East Tenth Street, Lockport, Ill.

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**John J. Keig**, retired, is a representative and widely known citizen of Lockport. He was born on the Isle of Man, June 10, 1858, the son of Robert and Anne (Lace) Keig.

Robert Keig, deceased, was a leading farmer and local preacher of the Wesleyan Methodist Church on the Isle of Man for more than half a century. There were 14 children in the Keig family, of whom seven now survive: Anne Jane, married James Creer, lives on the Isle of Man; Isabella, married H. D. Quarrie, retired, lives in California; John J., the subject of this sketch; Elizabeth, married Thomas Thrutchley, lives in England; T. E., retired, Isle of Man; Richard T., farmer, lives on the old homestead; and Joseph B., bank manager, lives on the Isle of Man.

The early life of John J. Keig was spent on the Isle of Man. He came to America in 1883 and settled in Chicago, where he spent one year. He then established a general mercantile business at Lace (his grandmother's name), Ill., and was the founder of the post office at that place, also serving as postmaster. In 1887 he removed to Romeoville, being the founder of that place, which previously had been known as Martin's Landing and Romeo. Nortonville was a post office name he established, but was discontinued while H. F. Brockman was postmaster. During the drainage canal period he had the post office re-established as Romeoville, which also is the village name, which he incorporated in 1893. He lived there for 25 years and served as mayor almost half of that period. He was also postmaster and justice of the peace. In 1908 Mr. Keig retired and removed to Lockport, where he now resides.

Mr. Keig was married Sept. 27, 1883, in Manchester, Eng., to Miss Mary Frances Lee, who was born there Jan. 17, 1860. She died April 6, 1885, and is buried in Cass Cemetery, DuPage County, Ill. To this



union a son was born, John Robert Lee Keig. He was born March 10, 1885, at Lace, Ill. He is now production manager for the Kirby Lumber Company, at Beaumont, Texas. He married Miss Helen Adams, of Galesburg, Ill., and they have two sons: John Robert Lee, Jr., and Edward Quincy Adams Keig.

Mr. Keig was married the second time April 17, 1886, to Margaret Agnes McHugh, who was born in Ireland, Aug. 1, 1869. To them were born four children: Marshall Edward, born Feb. 7, 1887, lives in Chicago, married Gertrude Woodruff, of Joliet, and they have a son, Marshall Woodruff Keig; Mabel Agnes, married Charles D. Dyer, Jr., lives at Cleveland, Ohio, and they have three children, Charles D. III, Marshall, and Margaret Belle; Ruth Mercedes, married Newton D. Rich, construction engineer, with the L. E. Meyers Company, Dallas, Texas, and they have a daughter, Marcia; and Alfred Joseph, attorney, married Ruth Dow, and they have four children: Joseph, Ruth, John, and Peter.

Mr. Keig is a Republican and is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America.

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Henry M. Spangler, who is serving as highway commissioner for Lockport Township, is a leading citizen of Will County. He was born on the old Spangler homestead in Lockport Township, in 1880, the son of G. Frank and Kate (Poor) Spangler.

G. Frank Spangler, deceased, was a member of one of the oldest families of Lockport Township, his parents having located here during the early days. The Spangler farm, which has continued in the family down to the present time, is located in Section 36. Mr. Spangler was well known as a breeder of fine horses and was also an extensive stockman. He died in 1916 as the result of a railroad accident. Mr. Spangler was a Republican and served as highway commissioner in the township for many years. He held membership in the Methodist Church, and belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His widow, now 77 years of age, lives at Lockport. To Mr. and Mrs. Spangler were born the following children: Sacia F., lives in Lockport Township; George, retired, lives in Plainfield Township, Will County; Edward, lives in Kansas City, Mo.; Raymond, deceased; Henry M., the subject of this sketch; and Ethel, married William Raddatz, lives at Summit, Ill.

Henry M. Spangler spent his boyhood on his father's farm and attended the district schools of Lockport Township. He was employed

by the Illinois Michigan Canal Works for two years and then became identified with the Continental Bridge Company for three years. He spent two years with the local water works and since 1922 has served as highway commissioner. Mr. Spangler was recently re-elected to the office for a term of four years.

On Dec. 20, 1924, Mr. Spangler was united in marriage with Miss Hulda Gustafson, who was born at Lockport, Dec. 10, 1894, the daughter of Frank and Josephine (Carlson) Gustafson, natives of Sweden, and now residents of Lockport. They have the following children: Elmer, lives at Lockport, is a World War veteran; Ella, married Carl Johnson, lives at Lockport; Iver, lives at Norristown, Pa.; Hulda Spangler; Hjalmer, lives at Lockport; Agnes, married Henry Seaborg, lives at Lockport; and Walter, lives at Lockport. Mr. and Mrs. Spangler have a daughter, Vivijeane Charlotte, born in Joliet, Nov. 28, 1926.

Mrs. Spangler is a member of the Swedish Lutheran Church. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Loyal Order of Moose. He is a Republican.

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**A. J. Patterson** is among the capable and well known business men of Braidwood, where he has been known as a funeral director for the past 20 years. He was born in this city, June 12, 1878, the son of J. W. and Mary (Stewart) Patterson.

J. W. Patterson, deceased, was a pioneer undertaker of Will County. He and his wife were natives of Scotland and early settlers of Braidwood, where he conducted a furniture, undertaking, and livery business for many years. He was a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belonged to the Masonic Lodge. He served as postmaster of Braidwood for several years and was also city supervisor. His wife died Aug. 24, 1903. To Mr. and Mrs. Patterson were born seven children, as follows: Janet, died at the age of 14 years; A. J., the subject of this sketch; Tena, married Dr. A. D. Howat, dentist, lives at Braidwood; John S., deceased; Mary A., deceased; James R., lives at Braidwood; and Mildred M., married Frank Schmidt, lives at Joliet.

A. J. Patterson attended the public schools of Braidwood and began his business career as a clerk in the grocery store of N. P. Keyes, Braidwood, with whom he was associated for 15 years. In 1908 he established his present business, and he is now assisted by his son, Malcolm Stewart, the firm being known as Patterson & Son. This funeral home is one of the up-to-date and well equipped mortuaries of Will County.

On June 12, 1903, Mr. Patterson was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Malcolm, who was born at Braceville, Ill., Oct. 1, 1882, the daughter of William and Janet (Nesbit) Malcolm, natives of Scotland, and early settlers of Illinois. Mr. Malcolm was a well known coal operator of Braceville, Ill. He was a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belonged to the Masonic Lodge. He died Nov. 7, 1915, and his wife died Aug. 28, 1928, and they are buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Braidwood, Ill. There were three children in the Malcolm family: Margaret Patterson; William, physician and surgeon, lives at Peoria, Ill.; and Jessie, married Dr. B. W. Lazarski, physician and surgeon, lives at Pullman, Ill. To Mr. and Mrs. Patterson was born one son, Malcolm Stewart, who was born Aug. 18, 1906. He was educated in the public schools of Braidwood and in July, 1928, received his license as mortician in the State of Illinois. He is the fourth generation in the Patterson family to follow this profession. Before her marriage, Mrs. A. J. Patterson was a teacher in the schools of Braceville and Carbon Hill, Ill. She died Sept. 2, 1928, and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery at Braidwood.

Politically Mr. Patterson is identified with the Republican party. He has served as trustee of the Presbyterian Church and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge.

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**Elmer R. Essington** is one of the younger men who have achieved success in Joliet business circles as proprietor of Essington's Funeral Home. He was born at Plainfield, Will County, April 22, 1892, the son of Albert and Mina (Becker) Essington.

Albert Essington, deceased, was a prosperous farmer of Plainfield Township, Will County, and specialized in the raising of grain. He was living retired at the time of his death in November, 1924. He was a Republican, a member of the Universalist Church, and belonged to Plainfield Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 436, and Spangler Grange. His widow, a native of Will County, resides at Plainfield. To Mr. and Mrs. Essington were born two sons: Clyde, born in 1886, lives at Plainfield, Ill.; and Elmer R., the subject of this sketch.

Elmer R. Essington received his education in the county schools and attended Plainfield High School. He remained on his father's farm until 1915, when he came to Joliet. Throughout his business career he has been interested in funeral work, and in 1920 attended the Wor-

sham School of Embalming in Chicago. The following year he received his license to practice in the State of Illinois and in April, 1921, became associated in business with Clarence L. Miller, at Lockport, Ill. The following year he sold his interest to Mr. Miller and returned to Joliet, where he has since engaged in business. Since 1927 Mr. Essington has been located at 215 Cass Street, where he has a modern funeral home and chapel.

Mr. Essington is a member of the Methodist Church, Plainfield Lodge, F. & A. M. No. 536, Loyal Order of Moose, and B. P. O. Elks, No. 296. He is a Republican.

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**Wilbur W. Boughton.**—One of the leading farmers and stockmen Wheatland Township, Feb. 28, 1846, and it is recorded that he was the one of the earliest families of Will County. He was born in this township, Feb. 3, 1879, the son of William D. and Emma J. (Boardman) Boughton.

William D. Boughton was born on the Boughton homestead in Wheatland Township, Feb. 28, 1846, and it is recorded that he was the first white child born in the township. He is the son of Warren W. and Mary (Scott) Boughton. Warren W. Boughton was born in Genesee County, N. Y., Feb. 10, 1817, the son of Orris and Sibyl Ann (Newell) Boughton, who emigrated West with six children and settled in Will County, Wheatland Township, Ill., in 1842. Orris Boughton died in August, 1843, and his wife died in February, 1860. Their son, Warren W., married Mary Scott, who was born in Geauga County, Ohio, Jan. 9, 1822. During the year of 1850 he left his family and started to the gold fields of California, but died enroute and was buried at Des Moines, Iowa. He left a wife and two children: Newell W., who served in the Civil War, as a member of Col. L. Boulton's Battery, and he died in 1876; and William D., father of the subject of this sketch. William D. Boughton married Miss Emma J. Boardman, the daughter of Franklin and Mindwell (Bates) Boardman, who settled in Wheatland Township in 1844. To William D. and Emma J. (Boardman) Boughton were born seven children, as follows: Mina L., married Frank Eaton, lives at Plainfield; Della, married George Patterson, lives in DuPage Township; Newell J., lives at Parsons, Kan.; Wilbur W., the subject of this sketch; Franklin Boardman, David W., and Reuben Scott, who live in Wheatland Township. Mr. Boughton served as supervisor of Wheat-

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MRS. EMMA J. BOARDMAN BOUGHTON





land Township for a number of years, and also held the offices of county road commissioner, highway commissioner, and school director. He died Sept. 21, 1928, and his wife resides on the home farm in Wheatland Township.

Wilbur Boughton attended the public schools of Wheaton and Plainfield townships. He was associated with his father's farming interests until 1910, at which time he purchased his present farm of 240 acres in Wheatland Township. He specializes in dairy farming and is also an extensive feeder of stock.

On July 19, 1905, Mr. Boughton was united in marriage with Miss Florence Thompson, a native of Lincolnshire, England. She came to the United States at the age of four years and settled in Joliet. She is the daughter of Jesse and Deborah (Peters) Thompson, natives of England. Mr. Thompson was a farmer of Wheatland Township, having come to the township in 1886, and farmed until his death, Sept. 4, 1916, and his widow lives at Plainfield. They were the parents of the following children: Florence Boughton; Fred E., lives in Chicago, is a World War veteran, having served in France with the rank of major; George W., lives in Wheatland Township; Lynette May, married Edwin Dawson, lives at Detroit, Mich.; Herbert P., who is mayor of Naperville, Ill., and a World War veteran, having served with the rank of lieutenant; Walter E., a farmer, lives in Wheatland Township; and Jessie L., married William Weller, lives in Plainfield Township. To Mr. and Mrs. Boughton were born four sons: Donald Wilbur, born Nov. 18, 1907, a graduate of Plainfield High School, and Marshall (Mo.) Flying School, now resides at home; Newell William, born Jan. 10, 1910, is a graduate of Plainfield High School; Robert Thompson, born Oct. 9, 1911; and Walter Peters, born Aug. 24, 1915.

Mr. Boughton is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge. He is active in the work of the Will County Farm Bureau.

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**John Rodeghiero**, who conducts a service station and automobile accessory shop at State and 16th streets, is a well known resident of Lockport. He was born in Italy, Nov. 25, 1880, the son of Dominic and Maria (Grolla) Rodeghiero.

Dominic Rodeghiero, deceased, was a native of Italy, where he spent his entire life. He was a farmer. He died in 1893 and his widow

still resides on the family homestead in Italy. They were the parents of two girls and two boys.

John Rodeghiero was educated in his native land and attended the public schools. In 1901 he came to this country and settled in New Mexico. Later he went to Pittsburg, Kan., and four years later removed to Ironwood, Mich., where he spent 14 years in the iron-ore mines. He has been a resident of Lockport since 1921 and in that year established his present place of business. His residence is located at 1600 State Street.

On Aug. 4, 1906, Mr. Rodeghiero was united in marriage with Miss Madelina Forte, who was born in Italy, Aug. 27, 1885. They have five children: Dominic, born at Pittsburg, Kan., June 25, 1907; Edward, born Aug. 12, 1908; Alfred, born June 20, 1910; Chris, born May 22, 1913; and Donald, born Nov. 2, 1922.

Mr. Rodeghiero is a Republican and a member of the Catholic Church.

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**Thomas Shaunessy** ranks high among the substantial merchants of Braidwood, where he has successfully engaged in the meat business for almost 25 years. He was born in Chicago, Oct. 9, 1874, the son of Daniel and Louise (McClaine) Shaunessy.

Daniel Shaunessy, deceased, was a native of Ireland. He was an early settler of Chicago, where he engaged in the meat business for many years. He and his wife are deceased and are buried in Chicago. Mr. Shaunessy was a Democrat and held membership in the Catholic Church. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Shaunessy: Lily, married Lewis Ford, retired, lives in Chicago; Rose, married William Deto, retired, lives in Chicago; Louise, in religion known as Sister Jerome, lives at Paoli, Kan.; Thomas, the subject of this sketch; Alice, married William Robinson, lives in Chicago; Lucy, married John Wyman, live in Chicago; Daniel, lives at San Antonio, Texas; and William in Kansas.

Thomas Shaunessy received his education in the public schools of Chicago and also attended school at Braidwood and Kankakee, Ill. He spent seven years farming in Grundy and Will counties, and later was a stationary engineer in the coal mines at Braidwood, Ill. He came to Braidwood in 1904 and established a meat business on Main Street. The firm, now known as Thomas Shaunessy & Sons, are dealers in fine meats of all kinds and have an excellent trade.



In June, 1896, Mr. Shaunessy was united in marriage with Miss Nellie Moffatt, who was born at Braidwood, April 7, 1874, the daughter of Anthony and Ellen (Murray) Moffatt, natives of Ireland. Mr. Moffatt, who lives retired at Braidwood, was one of the first settlers of Will County, having come to the United States with his parents when he was seven years of age. During his active career he was a well known farmer of this section. He is a Democrat and a member of the Catholic Church. His wife died Dec. 28, 1902, and is buried at Braidwood. To Mr. and Mrs. Moffatt were born ten children, as follows: Annie, married Dennis Nealis, both deceased; Michael and John, both deceased; Nellie Shaunessy; James, lives at Braidwood; Thomas and Joseph, who live at Dwight, Ill.; William, deceased; Francis, lives at Dwight; and Catherine, married Archie Smith, lives at Dwight, Ill. To Mr. and Mrs. Shaunessy were born three children: 1. Francis, born May 25, 1897, engaged in business with his father, married Miss Esther Moran, of Coal City, Ill., and they have three children: Thomas Francis, Rose Mary, and William Jerome. 2. William, born Nov. 10, 1899, engaged in business with his father, married Miss Jennie Foletti, of Braidwood. 3. Daniel Joseph, born Sept. 9, 1916.

Mr. Shaunessy has always been a Democrat. He is a member of the Catholic Church and belongs to the Knights of Columbus. He is a member of the local school board.

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**Henry Bachmann** is among the dependable and well known business men of Lockport, where he has engaged in the coal and ice business for almost 35 years. He was born in DuPage County, Ill., Aug. 9, 1872, the son of Charles and Matilda (Steinard) Bachmann.

Charles Bachmann, who lives retired at Willow Springs, Ill., is one of the first settlers of that section of DuPage County, having located there in 1846. He came to this country from Germany and until his retirement was prominent as a farmer and stockman in DuPage County. He is now 95 years of age and his wife, also born in Germany, is 85 years old. Mr. Bachmann is a Republican and for 20 years has been trustee of the Lutheran Church. His mother, one of the pioneer women of Illinois, lived to the age of 93 years. To Mr. and Mrs. Bachmann the following children were born: Conrad, deceased; Mary, married Fred Boehme, lives in Romeo, Ill.; Charles, contractor, lives at St. Louis, Mo.; Peter, married Lydia Miem, lives in Hinsdale, Ill.; Henry, the sub-

ject of this sketch; Jacob, deceased; Margaret, married Rev. Schoenbeck, minister of the German Lutheran Church at Willow Springs, Ill.; Emma, lives at home; and Louise, married Edward Tiedt, merchant, lives at Willow Springs, Ill.

Henry Bachmann obtained his education in the district schools of DuPage County, and in 1893 went to Chicago, where he spent a year in the employ of the Washington Ice Company. The following year he located at Lockport, where he established his present coal and ice business at 14th and Washington streets.

On Nov. 5, 1904, Mr. Bachmann was united in marriage with Miss Bertha Hamann, who was born in Chicago, Aug. 7, 1885, the daughter of Louis and Martha (Hoelzer) Hamann, natives of Germany and early settlers of Cook County, Ill. Mr. Hamann, who now lives retired in California, was a well known resident of Romeo, Ill., for many years, where he served as mayor and postmaster. He was a Republican. Mr. and Mrs. Hamann have the following children: Bertha Bachmann; Christian, married Esther Woods of Lemont, Ill., lives in LaGrange; Martha, married James Goran, lives in California; Louis, Jr., married Lorraine Freehauf of Lockport, lives in New Jersey; Margaret, married Gomer Thomas of Los Angeles, lives in California; and Edward, married Julia Daley of Romeo, lives at Romeo, Ill. To Henry and Bertha (Hamann) Bachmann were born three children: Virginia, born at Lockport, Oct. 21, 1907, a graduate of Lockport High School and Dekalb College, now a teacher in the public schools of Cook County; Charles, born at Lockport, Nov. 6, 1909, a graduate of Lockport High School in 1927, employed by the Western Electric Company in Chicago; and Winifred, born at Lockport Dec. 8, 1916, attends school at Lockport.

Mr. Bachmann and his family hold membership in St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Lockport.

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William T. Bayley, who is superintendent of the Water Works, was born in this city, April 6, 1885, the son of William Henry and Mary (O'Connor) Bayley.

William Henry Bayley, deceased, was a well known resident of Lockport, where he was connected with the Water Works department as engineer for 20 years. He was born at Ottawa, Ill., and early in life located at Lockport. He was a Republican and a member of St. Dennis Catholic Church. He died in 1922 and is buried in Lockport Cemetery. His widow resides in Lockport, where she was born in 1858. To Mr.

and Mrs. Bayley were born three children: Alice, deceased, was the wife of Wilbur Barry, Joliet; William C., the subject of this sketch; and Nora, married Edward Mannell, both deceased.

William T. Bayley has always lived in Lockport. He received his education in the public schools and spent two years in the employ of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railroad in a clerical capacity. He then learned the machinist's trade, at which he was employed until 1927, when he was appointed superintendent of water works.

On Nov. 28, 1914, Mr. Bayley married Miss Loretta Coyne, who was born in Lockport Township, Nov. 27, 1891, the daughter of P. F. and Jane (Donahue) Coyne, of Lockport. Mr. and Mrs. Coyne, who live in Los Angeles, Calif., have the following children: Frank, a farmer, lives in Iowa; May, married R. J. Russell, lives at Waukegan, Ill.; Loretta Bayley; William, a farmer, lives in Lockport Township; Marcella, deceased; Josephine, lives in Los Angeles; Anna, married Joseph Pardieck, lives in Los Angeles; and Henry, lives in Los Angeles. Mr. Coyne is a Democrat and a member of the Catholic Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Bayley have been born two children: Henry, born June 19, 1917; and Jane, born Dec. 20, 1922.

He is a member of St. Dennis Catholic Church, Lockport.

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**Carl A. Miller**, a substantial and highly esteemed citizen of Joliet, was born in Germany, Oct. 14, 1868, the son of Leopold and Marie (Noack) Miller.

Leopold Miller, deceased, spent his entire life in Germany. He was a building contractor. He died in 1883 and his wife died in 1918. Mr. Miller was a member of the Lutheran Church and belonged to the Masonic lodge. There were 14 children born to Mr. and Mrs. Miller, of whom Carl A., the subject of this sketch, was the third in order of birth. A son, Franz, was wounded during the World War while in the service of the German army, and died in 1919.

Carl A. Miller emigrated to the United States in 1903 and lived in New York City until 1906. He then moved to York, Pa., and in 1910 went to Steubenville, Ohio, where he followed his trade as a print cutter and designer. Before coming to this country Mr. Miller traveled throughout England, Belgium, Spain, Austria, Sweden, Denmark, and Russia. He came to Joliet in 1921 and at that time opened his present place of business at 1023 Second Avenue. His up-to-date plant special-

izes in designing and print cutting and Mr. Miller has a well established trade in the city and surrounding country.

In 1901 Mr. Miller was united in marriage with Miss Anna Palmer, who was born in Sweden, Jan. 9, 1873, the daughter of Andrew P. and Anna (Erickson) Palmer, of Sweden. Mr. Palmer died in March, 1897, and his wife died Dec. 23, 1893. They were the parents of eight children, of whom Mrs. Miller is the youngest. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have a daughter, Mary, who was born in Stockholm, Sweden, Oct. 4, 1902. She was married on March 28, 1925, to Walter J. Meyerhoff, of Joliet, and they have two sons: Walter David, born Aug. 2, 1926; and Norman Carl, born July 19, 1927.

Mr. Miller is a member of the Lutheran Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

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Bernhard A. Zechlin is among the most prominent and successful business men of Frankfort, where he is owner of Zechlin's Furniture Store. He was born in Milwaukee, Wis., June 17, 1866, a son of Frederick and Adeline (Pocrefkaa) Zechlin.

Frederick Zechlin and his wife were both born in Lauenberg, Germany, where they were married. He was in the flour mill business there. They emigrated to the United States in 1859 and settled at Milwaukee, Wis., where Mr. Zechlin was employed in a hardware store. In 1872 he removed to Chicago where he was an employe of the Chicago Street Car Company for many years. He is deceased and is buried in Chicago. Mrs. Zechlin is buried in Milwaukee. They were members of the German Lutheran Church. To this union two children were born: Bernhard, the subject of this sketch; and Rudolph, deceased, is buried in Graceland Cemetery, Chicago. Mr. Zechlin was married for the second time to Minnie Hein, who is also deceased, and is buried in Graceland Cemetery, Chicago. To their union seven children were born: Albert, deceased; Henry J., General Manager Niagara Fire Insurance Company, New York City; Fred, deceased; Bertha, deceased; William, lithographer, Chicago; Deanie, married Otto Schmidt, lives in Chicago; and Mamie, married Louis La Grosse, lives in Chicago.

Bernhard A. Zechlin attended the public and the German Lutheran schools of Chicago. Leaving school he worked for a time in a furniture factory. For 17 years he was with Mandel Brothers, Chicago, in charge of the furniture work room. In 1907 he removed to Frankfort and pur-

chased the Hellerman Furniture Company's store. Mr. Zechlin then took a course in the Morris School of Embalming at Chicago, and from which he graduated and received his State license to practice embalming in 1908. From a small beginning the business has had a steady growth, and is now one of the leading furniture houses in this section. He is agent for the One Minute Washer, the Automatic Washer, Hoover products, Murdock Radio, and pianos of all makes.

In 1889 Mr. Zechlin married Miss Ella Redlin, a daughter of Christ and Louisa Redlin, natives of Germany, and now deceased. Mr. Redlin was a custom tailor in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Zechlin have four children: 1. Hattie, married Walter Baumgartner, a contractor, Frankfort, and they have a daughter, Phyllis. 2. Louise, married William Baumgartner, a contractor, Frankfort, and they have three children, Janet, Carol, and Norman. 3. Alfred, a contractor, married Lillian Baumgartner, Frankfort, and they have a son, Stewart. 4. Bernine, married Henry Geuther, Frankfort, and they have a son, Grant.

Mr. Zechlin is a Republican. He has served as trustee on the Village Board for 18 years, and on the school board for three years. His fraternal affiliations are: Modern Woodmen of America; Mt. Joliet A. F. & A. M. No. 42; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. No. 27; Joliet Council, R. & S. M. No. 82; Joliet Commandery, K. T. No. 4; Ansar Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. of Springfield, Ill; and the Yoeman, formerly the Chicago Forresters. He is a member of St. Peter's Evangelical Church.

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**Nicholas J. Britz**, popular restaurant owner of Channahan, is a native of Will County and a member of one of the pioneer families of this section. He was born at Joliet, June 11, 1885, the son of Nicholas and Agnes (Martin) Britz.

Nicholas Britz was born in Germany in 1853 and his wife was born there in 1863. About 1880 they emigrated to the United States and settled at Joliet, where Mr. Britz followed his trade as a blacksmith. Later he engaged in general farming in Channahan Township, where he was the owner of 38 acres of land. He was living retired at Joliet at the time of his death in 1918. His wife died in 1915. They are buried in St. John's Cemetery, Joliet. To Mr. and Mrs. Britz were born seven children, of whom Nicholas J., the subject of this sketch, was the second in order of birth.

Nicholas J. Britz was educated in the public schools of Joliet and early in life learned the machinist's trade, which he followed for 12

years. He was employed by the Illinois Steel Company and the Pullman Company of Chicago. He came to Channahan in 1920 and established his present restaurant at that time. He is also the owner of a gasoline service station and has other real estate holdings in Joliet. He still operates the family homestead of 38 acres in Channahan Township, and is the owner of 80 acres near Joliet. He is a building contractor.

Mr. Britz was married in 1907 to Miss Anna Zeitler, of Charlevoix, Mich. They have no children.

Mr. Britz is a Republican, a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Minooka, and belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose and Eagles Lodge.

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**John M. Handorf, Sr.**, a well known retired farmer of Marley, New Lenox Township, Ill., was born near Rostock, Germany, Feb. 8, 1857, a son of John F. and Caroline Elizabeth (Dohse) Handorf.

John F. Handorf, deceased, was born April 23, 1821, in Mechlenburg, Germany. He emigrated to the United States with his family in 1870 and settled in Blue Island, Ill. He died in 1908. He was a Republican and a member of the German Lutheran Church. His wife, also a native of Mechlenburg, was born July 18, 1831. She died in 1866 and is buried in Mechlenburg. To this union two children were born: John M., the subject of this sketch; and Carl W. F., born May 1, 1860, died in 1871, and is buried in Blue Island, Ill.

John M. Handorf attended the public schools of his native land and of Blue Island, Ill. He followed farming for a time and then went to Chicago where he remained a few months. After his marriage in 1880 he went to Osborn County, Kansas, where he purchased a farm which he operated for a season, when he returned to Worth, Ill. He made the trip back from Kansas with a covered wagon, the journey taking 28 days. For two years he rented a farm, and on March 17, 1884, purchased a farm of 120 acres in New Lenox Township, later purchasing 200 acres of additional land. He did general farming and dairying until his retirement on June 14, 1913.

He has always been identified with the Republican party and takes an active part in the affairs of the township. For 15 years he has served as school director.

In 1880 Mr. Handorf was married to Mary J. Holm, a daughter of John and Caroline (Hock) Holm, natives of Germany. John Holm came

MR. AND MRS. JOHN M. HANDLER AND FAMILY







to the United States in 1850 and settled at Calumet, where he was married. He died in 1907 and his wife died May 13, 1905, and they are buried at Worth, Ill. Mrs. Mary J. (Holm) Handorf died April 5, 1925, and is buried in Hadley Cemetery, Homer Township, Will County. To Mr. and Mrs. Handorf five children were born: Carl C., born Nov. 1, 1880, agriculturist, Lemont Township; Minnie J., born March 19, 1882, at home; Ida C., born Jan. 5, 1884, married Charles W. Lahmann, New Lenox Township; Alma, born Sept. 21, 1885, died Jan. 9, 1919, buried in Hadley Cemetery, married Charles W. Lauffer, who resides in Homer Township; and John F., Jr., a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history.

The Handorf family are members of the Lutheran Church.

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**Waldemar Anderson**, who is connected with the Chicago public school system, is a member of one of the best known families of Lockport, where he was born Oct. 4, 1901. He is the son of Andrew and Matilda C. (Swanson) Anderson.

Andrew Anderson was born in Sweden, Aug. 20, 1862, and came to America in 1875. He settled in Chicago but later removed to Will County, locating at Lockport, where he spent many years as a tailor, being a member of the firm of Anderson & Frederickson. This partnership continued until the time of the death of Mr. Anderson, which occurred Oct. 3, 1927. His wife died June 10, 1927. Both are buried in Lockport Cemetery. Mr. Anderson was a Republican and served as township supervisor and also as clerk of Lockport. He was a member of the Swedish Mission Church and served as Sunday School superintendent for 25 years. There were seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, as follows: Theodore, died at the age of six years; Arthur, born Jan. 27, 1893, married Miss Minnie Thomas, of Warren, Minn., and they live at Lockport; Arvid, born Sept. 12, 1895, attorney, lives in Chicago, married Miss Florence Borman of Chicago; Albin, twin brother of Arvid, lives at Lockport; Agnes, born Aug. 30, 1898, a nurse, was married in 1922 to A. C. Stauffenberg, lives at Joliet; Waldemar, the subject of this sketch; and Eva, born Aug. 16, 1909, lives at Joliet a cadet in the Salvation Army.

Arvid Anderson is a veteran of the World War, having enlisted for service on April 15, 1917. He was sent to Paris Island, S. C., and later to Quantico, Va. He spent two years in France and participated in

five major engagements of the war, being wounded three times. He received three citations for bravery under fire and was awarded the Croix de Guerre and Distinguished Service Cross; also the Medaille Militaire. Mr. Anderson was a member of the 5th Regiment, U. S. Marine Corps. He was discharged in August, 1919, with the rank of sergeant.

Albin Anderson is also a World War veteran, having served in France with the U. S. Marine Corps as a member of the 76th Company, 6th Regiment. He participated in the second battle of the Marne and was severely wounded in action. He spent a year in a hospital in France and later was discharged. Like his brother, he was also awarded the Croix de Guerre.

Waldemar Anderson grew up at Lockport and received his early schooling in this city. He was graduated from Lockport High School in 1920 and later attended the Lewis Institute and Armour Institute in Chicago. He has been in the teaching profession since 1921 in Chicago, but continues to live at Lockport.

Mr. Anderson is a Republican in politics and a member of the Swedish Mission Church. He is unmarried.

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**Herbert W. Spencer**, secretary, treasurer and general superintendent of the Elmhurst Cemetery Association, is a highly esteemed and prominent citizen of Joliet. He was born at Mendota, in LaSalle County, Ill., Nov. 15, 1860, the son of Simeon and Sarah (Stone) Spencer.

Simeon Spencer, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was a native of Will County and in early life removed to LaSalle County, where he engaged in farming and stock raising. He was also well known throughout Troy Township as a builder and contractor. He was a Republican, a member of the Universalist Church, and belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Masonic Lodge, and Grand Army of the Republic. To Mr. and Mrs. Spencer were born four children: Alma Jane, married Moliatus Blodgett, both deceased; Orsanus, deceased; Carrie, married I. R. Lish, lives at Pontiac, Ill.; and H. W., the subject of this sketch. Mr. and Mrs. Spencer are buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Joliet.

Herbert W. Spencer attended the public schools of Mendota and was later enrolled at Illinois State Normal School. In 1881 he removed to Huron, S. D., but in November, 1887, returned to Illinois and settled

at Joliet where he entered the employ of the Joliet Steel Company, now the Illinois Steel Company. He continued in the company's employ until 1927, at which time he retired as superintendent of the Bessemer plant, of which he was in charge for 28 years. Mr. Spencer now devotes his entire time to the interests of the Elmhurst Cemetery Association, of which he has been a director since the time of its organization in 1908.

On Nov. 19, 1879, Mr. Spencer was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Talmadge Hall, a native of New York. They have the following children: Harriet T., married Edward T. Brewster, of the Brewster Printing Company, Joliet, and they have two children, Carol and Billy; Frances, a trained nurse, during the World War served as superintendent of the Marine Hospital at Savannah, Ga., married Dr. Lyman Chapman, ex-Ray specialist, lives at Memphis, Tenn.; G. C., lives at Joliet, married Miss Alice Burt, and they have two children, Herbert, born in 1915, and Sarah Lou, born in 1923; and Arline, a trained nurse, married Dr. Henry Merkle, physician and surgeon, lives at Wilmington, Ill. Dr. Merkle is a World War veteran and his wife also served throughout the war period at Hampton Roads, Va.

Mr. Spencer has been a member of the school board for many years. He is a member of the Baptist Church, of which he is serving as Deacon, and he is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge and Rotary Club.

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**Bernard Klein, M. D.**—Among the successful physicians and surgeons of Will County is Dr. Klein, of Joliet. He was born in Bonyhad, Hungary, Oct. 2, 1894, the son of Ignace and Barbara (Glatter) Klein.

Ignace Klein, who lives retired in Chicago, is a native of Hungary. He was educated in the University of Budapest, and during the early part of his life was a teacher in the schools of his native land. In 1909 he came to Chicago where he and his wife now reside. To Mr. and Mrs. Ignace Klein the following children were born: Mrs. Helen Furst; Lawrence; David; Dr. Samuel, a practicing physician at Aurora, Ill.; Mrs. Jeanette Fisher; Eugene; Mrs. Julia Moskowitz; and Bernard, the subject of this sketch.

Mrs. Glatter, mother of Barbara (Glatter) Klein, who was a widow, came to Chicago when about 55 years of age from her native land—Hungary—and died in Chicago in 1920, at the age of 104 years.

Bernard Klein spent his boyhood and received his early education in an academy at Budapest, Hungary, and with his parents emigrated

to the United States and settled at Chicago. He was graduated from Loyola University with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1914, and spent the following year as an interne in Jefferson Park Hospital, Chicago. Since 1915 he has been located in Joliet with offices in the Elks Building.

On June 14, 1923, Doctor Klein was united in marriage with Miss Kathryn Heller, of Chicago, a daughter of Dr. Charles and Rose (Greenhoot) Heller, natives of Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Klein attended University High School and the Chicago University. She is an accomplished pianist having commenced her musical education at the age of nine years. She attended the American Conservatory of Music, Kimball Hall, Chicago, and studied under Heniot Levy. She gave several recitals in the Fine Arts Building.

Doctor Klein is identified with the Will County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. He is also medical director of the Will County Sanitarium.

Doctor Klein is a member of Mount Joliet Lodge No. 42, A. F. & A. M., Joliet Country Club, and Chamber of Commerce. The family residence is at 922 Raynor Avenue.

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**Arthur H. Fahrner, M. D.**—To his work as a physician and surgeon, Dr. Fahrner brought thorough preparation and sound personal qualities, and has enjoyed an unusual routine of professional and social activities in Joliet, where he has been located since 1917. He was born in this city, Dec. 30, 1892.

The early education of Arthur H. Fahrner was obtained in St. Patrick's parochial school and in 1911 he was graduated from Joliet Township High School. He studied medicine at St. Louis University from which he was graduated in 1916. He served two years as an interne—one during his senior year as a medical student and the other in 1916 to 1917. In August, 1918, he volunteered for service in the World War and served in France with the rank of first lieutenant in the Medical Corps. He was discharged July 29, 1919, and resumed his practice in Joliet. Dr. Fahrner has offices at 200 Center Street.

On Oct. 16, 1920, Dr. Fahrner was united in marriage to Miss Agnes Coulehan, of Chicago, Ill.

Dr. Fahrner is a member of the Will County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society, and is a fellow of the American Medical

Association. He holds membership in St. Raymond's Catholic Church and belongs to the American Legion, Joliet Country Club and Chamber of Commerce.

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**Henry J. Weber.**—Prominent among the leading and successful business men of Joliet is Henry J. Weber, who is identified with the firm of Henry J. Weber & Company, investment brokers. He was born in this city, June 5, 1860.

When 13 years of age Henry J. Weber left school. He learned the marble cutter's trade, which he followed for seven years, and he later was interested in the tobacco business. From 1891 until 1893 he served as city treasurer of Joliet, and he also held the office of police magistrate for four years. He was next associated with the Chicago Telephone Company as manager of the local telephone system. He spent 14 years as cashier of the Will County Bank and in 1922 established his present business in the Rialto Square Building. Mr. Weber specializes in mortgages, municipal bonds, and high grade securities.

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**Fred W. Henley** is a highly esteemed citizen and widely known business man of Joliet, where he is identified with the Henley-Relyea Company as president and treasurer. He was born at Buena Vista, Pa., March 3, 1860, the son of John and Barbara Glassbrenner Henley.

John Henley came to the United States from Germany early in life and settled at Buena Vista, Pa., where he engaged in the hardware business for many years. He died in 1901 and is buried at Joliet. His wife was born in Germany in 1834 and died at Pueblo, Col., in 1914. Mr. and Mrs. Henley were the parents of seven children, all of whom survive.

Fred W. Henley was a small child when his parents moved to Illinois. He was educated in the public schools at Mattoon, Ill., and soon after completing his schooling he entered the railroad service at Sullivan, Ill., which he followed for eight years. He then became interested in the stationery and book business at Sullivan, Ill., and in 1891 removed to Joliet, where he followed the same work, being the owner of the F. W. Henley Book Store. In 1908 Mr. Henley went to Colorado and operated a trunk store at Colorado Springs until 1917, at which time he returned to Illinois and settled at Joliet. He was associated in busi-

ness here with Mr. Relyea continuously until 1924, at which time the latter retired. The business was then incorporated with the following officers: Fred W. Henley, president and treasurer; Elizabeth A. Henley, vice president; and Pearl Parthenia Henley, secretary. The Henley-Relyea Company are dealers in books, stationery, gift goods and luggage. They carry an unusually complete stock and have one of the finest and most attractive stores in Will County. The business is located at 406-8 Clinton Avenue.

On Nov. 21, 1883, Mr. Henley was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth A. Kendall, of Greensburg, Ind., the daughter of Irving F. and Parthenia (Kendall) Kendall, both deceased. Mr. Kendall was a prominent building contractor of Greensburg, Ind., where he spent practically his entire life. To Mr. and Mrs. Henley were born two daughters: Elizabeth A., lives at home; and Pearl Parthenia, a graduate of Dennison University and the Colorado Teachers College. Both daughters are associated with their father's business, as above mentioned.

Mr. Henley is a Democrat and he and his family hold membership in the Methodist Church, of which Mr. Henley has served as treasurer and as a member of the board of stewards for 30 years.

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**Rev. J. J. Hitchens.**—Prominent among the leading men of Joliet is Rev. Mr. Hitchens, who is pastor of the Richards Street Methodist Episcopal Church. He was born in Cornwall, England, June 2, 1887, the son of Samuel and Mary Jane (Prisk) Hitchens.

Samuel Hitchens was a native of England. In early manhood he came to Arizona and in due time became a citizen of the United States. For many years, Samuel Hitchens was connected with the gold mines in South Africa, and at one time was manager of one of the largest gold mines there, namely, The Rosedeeep. He died in Africa about thirty years ago. His widow resides in San Francisco, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Hitchens were the parents of five children: Samuel James, who also died in Africa; J. J., the subject of this sketch; Ernest, who lives in Painesdale, Mich.; John, who lives in Detroit, Mich.; and Violet, married James Thomas, lives in San Francisco, Calif.

The early education of J. J. Hitchens as well as college work was received in England and Africa, the family having resided in these countries for some years. The theological training was received at Evanston,

Ill., graduating from Garrett Biblical Institute in 1915. Mr. Hitchens spent two years in charge of a church at Antonogan, Mich., one year at Dollar Bay, Mich., two years at Kings, Ill., and four years at each of the following places: Lee, Sandwich, Rock Falls, all in Illinois.

On Sept. 17, 1913, Rev. J. J. Hitchens was united in marriage with Miss Luetta Hayes, Kings, Ill., the daughter of Frank and Eva (MacDowell) Hayes. They have three children: Harold Lee, Jean Evelyn, and Lorraine, all students.

Rev. Mr. Hitchens is affiliated with the Masonic lodge, belongs to the Kiwanis Club, and for the year 1928-9, is president of the Will County Ministerial Association. The family residence is at 306 Richards Street.

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**August Piepenbrink**, who is successfully engaged in the real estate and insurance business at Crete, is well known among the enterprising young business men of Will County. He was born at Crete, Oct. 11, 1891, the son of Philip and Louise (Diersen) Piepenbrink.

J. O. Piepenbrink, pioneer settler of Will County, was a native of Rodenburg, Germany, born April 24, 1826. He was the son of Henry H. and Lotto (Myer) Piepenbrink, also natives of Germany. J. O. Piepenbrink was reared on his father's farm and married Miss Sophia Wille. He came to the United States in 1849 with his wife and one child and located almost immediately in Illinois. He became the owner of 135 acres of land in Crete Township, which he improved, and at the time of his death he was widely known among the prosperous stockmen of Will County, being the owner of 700 acres of land. He was also an extensive manufacturer of cheese. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Piepenbrink, as follows: Otto, Henry, Conrad, William, John, Philip, Ellen, and Sophia.

Philip Piepenbrink was born in Crete Township in 1859 and spent his entire life in this section. He died in 1916 and is buried in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery. His widow resides at Crete. She was also born in this township, the daughter of William Diersen, who came here from Germany during the early days. To Mr. and Mrs. Philip Piepenbrink were born three children: Walter, lives in Crete Township; Amanda, married Otto J. Meier, lives at Crete; and August, the subject of this sketch.

August Piepenbrink received his education in the parochial schools of Crete and as a boy learned the cigar maker's trade, which he followed

for ten years. He then became interested in the insurance business for a short time and later served as a rural mail carrier out of Crete for a period of eight years. In 1925 he entered the real estate and insurance business with Otto J. Meier, their office being located at the corner of Dixie Highway and Exchange Street.

On Jan. 22, 1913, Mr. Piepenbrink was united in marriage with Miss Adelia Luecke, of Crete, the daughter of John and Sophia Luecke, residents of this place. They have two children: Adeline, born Dec. 8, 1915; and Donald, born July 18, 1918.

Politically, Mr. Piepenbrink is identified with the Republican party. He holds membership in the Trinity Lutheran Church and belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and is also a member of the Village Board.

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**The Plainfield Grain Company**, Plainfield, Ill., was organized and incorporated March, 1911, for the purpose of handling grain, coal, lumber, building material, feed and farm supplies, with a capital stock of \$25,000.00 at \$50.00 per share. The following board of directors were elected: W. H. Cryder, president; George Drumm, vice president; C. F. Hartong, secretary and treasurer; Bert McCauley, Fred Fiddymont, George Spangler, Wm. Webb, Paul Murphy, and S. S. Van Dyke.

They purchased the Barr Grain Company, elevator (grain), coal pocket and feed sheds at Plainfield, the elevator and lumber yard at Caton Farm and the grain elevator at Frontenac.

J. D. Dwyer was appointed manager and they started in business April 1, 1911. In June, 1912, Mr. Dwyer resigned and in August, 1912, J. A. Henebry, manager of the Farmers Square Deal Grain Company, of Morris, Ill., was hired to succeed Mr. Dwyer.

In June, 1913, they purchased the Truby Grain Company's grain elevator at Caton Farm, November, 1913, the Kersten & Smiley grain elevators at Plainfield, Normantown and Wolf's Crossing were purchased. In 1913 an 80% stock dividend was paid to the stockholders and the capital stock increased to \$75,000.00.

In 1914 they took over the Ed. Alder Lumber yard and the same year built a three-deck lumber shed 60x150 ft., holding several carloads of lumber.

By noting the photograph on this page you will readily approve of their choice when deciding to erect a new office in 1916. The structure is a constant advertising medium for the Plainfield firm, due to





PLAINFIELD GRAIN COMPANY, PLAINFIELD, ILL.



its resemblance to a bungalow. An overhanging roof forms a shelter for the truck scales.

The office is equipped with a concrete vault, steel filing cases, electric posting and adding machines.

The large re-inforced concrete elevator you see in the background built in 1920, is the last word in up-to-dateness. It has 24 bins and a capacity of 100,000 bushels of grain and equipped with modern machinery.

In 1924 a new concrete mill house was added to the elevator, equipped with the latest grinding facilities for custom grinding.

In 1927 a new high line was built for the handling of coal, which has a capacity of 1,000 tons. This is the most modern coal handling devise to be found at any country station. They also have the Barber-Greene conveyors at their various stations for unloading coal.

In 1927 a 12½% cash dividend and a 100% stock dividend was paid and the capital stock was increased from \$75,000.00 to \$150,000.00. An average of 10% cash dividend has been paid annually to the stockholders since its organization, and there still remains \$60,000.00 in undivided profits.

They have just completed an addition to the elevator at Frontenac, which includes a mill house equipped with an electric attrition mill and crusher for custom grinding. A new fire-proof steam heated garage is under construction to take care of their trucks. Today you may see the value of modern eye-arresting structures, time saving, efficient handling methods and the like, is truly appreciated by this aggressive firm. And to J. A. Henebry, manager since 1912, goes a great deal of the credit, with the cooperation of the board of directors and employees and patrons, for the progress of this organization. By his ability and interest in the business entrusted to him, the company has prospered to a point where it is without doubt one of the most successful, best managed and most prosperous country grain companies of the Middle West. It has prospered because it is fortunate in selecting a board of directors who were endowed with the requisite business sense and judgment to employ a manager versed in this line of endeavor, and allowing him to manage the company without interference after he assumed management. The business has grown through the exercise of fair business methods, and the interest and cooperation of the twenty-two employees, some of which have been employed since the organization of this company and others who have been employed for several years.

The present directors are: W. H. Cryder, George Drumm, C. F. Hartong, Bert McCauley, Fred Fiddymont, William Webb, John Book, John Wheeler, Henry Lauterbach, Walter Manning, and Edward Drauden.

The following officers have held the respective offices since the organization: W. H. Cryder, president; George Drumm, vice president; C. F. Hartong, secretary and treasurer; Bert McCauley, Fred Fiddymont and William Webb.

Others who have held the office of directors are: George Gates, Herbert Everton, Homer Grommon, George B. Boardman and Louis Meyer.

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**Joseph A. Henebry.**—One of the recognized leading men of Plainfield is Joseph A. Henebry, who is vice president and general manager of the Plainfield Grain Company. He is also vice president of the Plainfield State Bank. Mr. Henebry was born at Decatur, Ill., Aug. 11, 1879, the son of Philip and Bridget (Thorp) Henebry.

Both Philip Henebry and his wife were natives of Ireland. They emigrated to the United States about 1863 and settled at Decatur, Ill. Throughout his life Mr. Henebry was interested in general farming and stock raising. He died at Bement, Ill., in 1925, at the age of 92 years. His wife died in 1921. Mr. and Mrs. Henebry were the parents of ten children, of whom Joseph A., was the ninth in order of birth.

Joseph A. Henebry obtained his education in the public schools of Bement, Ill., and later attended St. Mary's Seminary, at Perryville, Mo. He is also a graduate of Brown's Business College at Decatur. He began his career as a grain dealer at Bairsdale, Ill., where he was manager of the Farmers Elevator. He later spent four years at Assumption, Ill, in the same business, and four years at Morris. He came to Plainfield in 1912 to take charge of the affairs of the Plainfield Grain Company, with which he has since been identified. Mr. Henebry was elected vice president of the Plainfield State Bank in 1924.

On Nov. 9, 1910, Mr. Henebry married Miss Hannah Blair, of Illinois, Ill. They have three children: Marcella Rose, Joseph A., Jr., and John.

Mr. Henebry is a Democrat, a member of the Catholic Church and belongs to the Knights of Columbus of Joliet. He is a member of the Chicago Board of Trade and is also a director of the Farmers Grain Dealers of Illinois.

**Thomas Jefferson Neal** is among the substantial business men of Joliet, where he is secretary and treasurer of the Joliet Boiler & Machine Works. He was born at Auburn, Ind., May 10, 1887.

Mr. Neal spent his early life at Sagbridge, Ill., where his family had removed when he was six years old. He later lived at Lockport and Lyons, and was graduated from Lyons High School. From there he went to Cicero, Ill., and later to Joliet, having made his present connection with the Joliet Boiler & Machine Works in 1925. He has followed the machinist trade for many years and is an expert in his particular field. The Joliet Boiler & Machine Works are builders of all types of machinery, and their sales cover an extensive territory. The business was founded 20 years ago by James G. Heggie & Sons.

In August, 1910, Mr. Neal was married at Lyons, Ill., to Miss Elsie Heim, of Chicago. They have two daughters, Evelyn and Lorine.

Mr. Neal is a member of the Grace Methodist Episcopal Church and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge. In politics he is an independent voter.

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**James Stewart Boyd** has the distinction of being the oldest resident of Joliet, and is among the most honored pioneer citizens of Will County, where he has spent practically his entire life. He was born in County Antrim, Ireland, July 22, 1836, the son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Boyd) Boyd.

Thomas Boyd brought his family to the United States from Ireland during the early days and settled at Easton, Pa., where he was employed in the cotton mills for many years. He died June 22, 1875 and his wife died in 1873. They are buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Joliet. To Mr. and Mrs. Boyd were born the following children: John, died at Easton, Pa.; Jane, died at Easton, Pa.; Mary, died at Independence, Iowa; Henry, died while serving during the Civil War as a member of the 100th Illinois Volunteer Infantry; Isabelle, died in Joliet Township, and is buried at Plainfield, Ill.; Sarah, deceased; James Stewart, the subject of this sketch; and Thomas, a Civil War veteran, died in Chicago, May 26, 1926.

The boyhood of James Stewart Boyd was spent at Easton, Pa., where he was educated. His uncle was the founder of Lafayette College at Easton, and a well known educator of his time. Mr. Boyd learned the tinner's trade and in 1857 settled at Joliet, where he has resided throughout the years. For several years he was employed by W. F.

Barrett Hardware Company as foreman and later spent 22 years as a salesman for W. S. Brooks, Joliet. He was employed as a salesman in the carriage department for eleven years with Wilcox Brothers, and then retired to his farm in Joliet Township. He has lived there for the past 60 years and the homestead is among the interesting spots of the township. It is located on the Zarley Road near Joliet.

On May 6, 1861, Mr. Boyd was united in marriage with Miss Mary Ellen Young, of Herkimer County, N. Y., born in 1839. She died Nov. 1, 1926 and is buried in Elmhurst Cemetery, Joliet. To this union were born ten children, as follows: 1. Alexander C., retired, lives at Joliet. 2. Margaret W., born Nov. 4, 1865, the widow of Dick Skinner, and she is school treasurer of Will County. 3. Estella, born Oct. 27, 1867, the widow of Charles Scharf, lives in Joliet. 4. Nellie Jane Zarley, born Dec. 26, 1869, lives in Los Angeles, Calif. 5. Elizabeth Avery, born July 21, 1874, lives at Three Forks, Mont. 6. James H., born Jan. 28, 1872, lives in Chicago. 7. Mary M., born Dec. 4, 1878, married A. M. Zarley, lives in Joliet. 8. Frederick C., born in October, 1876, lives at Clear Lake, Iowa. 9. Lee E., born Dec. 24, 1880, lives at Clear Lake, Iowa. 10. Belle C., born May 13, 1883, unmarried, lives in Chicago. Mr. Boyd has 15 grandchildren.

Mr. Boyd has been a Republican since the time he cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. He has been identified with the Masonic Lodge since 1862, and is affiliated with A. F. & A. M. No. 42, Joliet, Joliet Commandery No. 4, Medinah Shrine, Chicago, and the Masonic Veterans of Illinois. He is an honorary member of the Buccaneer Club of New York City. Both he and his daughter Margaret W. are charter members of the Will County Historical Society.

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Alfred A. Meradith, retired, is a veteran of the Civil War and a highly esteemed citizen of Channahon Township. He was born in Fayette County, Pa., June 16, 1845, the son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Wance) Meradith.

Both Thomas Meradith and his wife were natives of Fayette County, Pa. They were early settlers of Illinois and lived on a farm near Bloomington. Mr. Meradith was also a stone mason by trade. He died at the age of 90 years and his wife died at the age of 71 years. They are buried at Farmer City, Ill. To Mr. and Mrs. Meradith were born 12 children, of whom Alfred A., the subject of this sketch, was the oldest.

Alfred A. Meradith spent his boyhood on his father's farm in Fayette County and received his education in the district schools. When 17 years of age he enlisted for service in the Civil War as a member of Company A, 22nd Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry. He was captured July 3, 1864, at the Battle of Shenandoah, and held prisoner at Andersonville prison until the close of the war. After his discharge at Harrisburg, Pa., he returned home and two years later settled at Ottawa, LaSalle County, Ill., where he engaged in general farming and stock raising. He later lived in Chicago, where he followed his trade as a carpenter. Mr. Meradith was one of the early farmers of Channahan Township. He has lived retired at Channahan since 1918.

In 1869 Mr. Meradith married Miss Mary Ann Dix, of Ottawa, Ill., who died in 1919. They were the parents of four children: Carrie, married Joseph Sterling, lives at Michigan City, Ind., and they have a daughter, Mary Jane; Cora, married Willis Van Allen, lives in Chicago, and they have a son, Meradith; John Thomas, lives at Farmer City, Ill., married Miss Eva Dawson, and they have two children, Alfred and Grace; and Charles, who died at the age of four years.

Mr. Meradith is a member of the Methodist Church and has been affiliated with the Masonic Lodge for 30 years. He is a Republican in politics, and served as justice of the peace at Channahan for 12 years.

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**Reuben Royal Hafenrichter** is well known in Wheatland Township, where he is the owner of a well improved farm of 230 acres. He was born on this farm Jan. 5, 1881, the son of John and Mary (Hemm) Hafenrichter.

John Hafenrichter was born in Germany and was 12 years of age when he came to the United States and settled near Oswego, Ill. He later removed to the present Hafenrichter farm in Wheatland Township. He was well known throughout this section as a general farmer and stockman. He died in September, 1927, at the age of 93 years, and is buried in Oswego Prairie Cemetery. He served as school director, road commissioner, and justice of the peace. Mary (Hemm) Hafenrichter was born in New York and lived in Will County from 1848 until the time of her death in August, 1922. Mr. and Mrs. Hafenrichter were the parents of two sons: Ezra Edward, mention of whom is made below; and Reuben Royal, the subject of this sketch.

Reuben Royal Hafenrichter attended Lombard district school in Wheatland township. He remained on his father's farm ever since.

Mr. Hafenrichter is well known as a feeder of stock. He is a stockholder in the Plainfield Grain Company and is prominent in the Will County Farm Bureau.

On Jan. 5, 1912, Mr. Hafenrichter married Miss Amanda Hummel, a native of Kendall County, Ill. She is a graduate of Oswego High School and for seven years before her marriage was a teacher in the public schools of Kendall County. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hafenrichter, as follows: Uarda, born April 17, 1913; Everett, born March 30, 1916; Glenda, born Oct. 14, 1919; and John Lee, born April 26, 1928.

Mr. Hafenrichter has always been a Republican. He is serving as justice of the peace.

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**Ezra Edward Hafenrichter.**—One of the leading farmers and stockmen of Wheatland Township is found in Ezra Edward Hafenrichter. He was born in this township, March 5, 1875, the son of John and Mary (Hemm) Hafenrichter.

Mr. Hafenrichter attended the public schools of Wheatland Township and took a business course at Aurora, Ill. He has always been interested in farming and with his brother, Reuben Royal Hafenrichter, is one of the largest sheep feeders of the county. He also specializes in grain raising.

On Dec. 12, 1900, Mr. Hafenrichter was united in marriage with Miss Tina Hummel, of Oswego Township, the daughter of John and Apolonia (Schleucher) Hummel, natives of Germany and early settlers of Illinois. Mr. Hummel is deceased. His widow lives at Aurora, Ill. To Mr. and Mrs. Hafenrichter were born the following children: Owen, born Jan. 29, 1902, died at the age of 15 years; Ada, born April 21, 1906, a graduate of North Central College, now teaches in the schools of Aurora, Ill.; Mellicent, born Sept. 4, 1907, died Dec. 17, 1907; Eunice, died in infancy in 1909; Mercedes, born Sept. 18, 1911, attends Central College; Belinda, born Feb. 2, 1914, a junior in high school at Aurora; and Fern, born Dec. 28, 1920, attends public school.

Mr. Hafenrichter is a stockholder in the Plainfield Grain Company and belongs to the Will County Farm Bureau. He has served as school director of Wheatland Township for 15 years.

The modern residence, built by Mr. Hafenrichter in 1918, is among the attractive homes in the township. It is of brick construction and thoroughly modern. The farm buildings are also of recent construction.



A barn on the land houses 500 head of sheep. Mr. Hafenrichter has been a resident of this place for 16 years. He formerly lived on the home place with his brother, Reuben with whom he was in partnership until 1912.

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**Fred J. Shaw** is a well known resident of Joliet, where he has been in the employ of the Illinois Steel Company for almost 40 years. He was born in this city, Oct. 30, 1870, the son of Isaac and Mary V. (Messer) Shaw.

Isaac Shaw was a native of New York and the son of James Shaw, pioneer settler of Joliet, and owner of the first brick yard in this city. Isaac Shaw was associated with his father's business for a number of years and later was connected with the Rock Island Railroad as a locomotive engineer. He died at the age of 68 years. His widow lives in Joliet. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw had seven children.

Fred J. Shaw obtained his education in the public schools of Logansport, Ind., and when 18 years of age entered the employ of the Illinois Steel Company as a roller in the Joliet plant. He lives in Joliet Township on State Route No. 7, where he is the owner of 23 acres of land. He conducts a gasoline service station and restaurant at this place, and owns eight summer cottages.

In 1898 Mr. Shaw married Miss Myrtle E. Spafford of Joliet. She is the daughter of E. R. and Harriett (Pritchard) Spafford. Mr. Spafford was born in Reed's Grove, Will County, Ill., May 25, 1855. He was born in a log cabin and early in life was a railroad man. He served in the Spanish American War as also his two sons, Miles E. and Wallace B. Mr. Spafford resides in Joliet, Ill. They have the following children: Hazel, Helen, Myrtle, Fred J., Jr., Theodore, and James, all at home.

Mr. Shaw is a Republican and is a member of the Masonic Lodge.

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**Robert Hayne** is a well known merchant of Joliet, where he is engaged in the wholesale meat business. He was born in Nova Scotia, Nov. 4, 1860, and spent his early life there.

In 1880 Mr. Hayne came to the United States and settled at New Haven, Conn., where he was employed in a meat market. He later went to Providence, R. I., where he spent six years as a manufacturer of dried beef. He then went to Chicago where he followed the same

work for two years. Mr. Hayne came to Joliet in 1912 and was employed in this city by the Morris Packing Company until February, 1921, at which time he established his present business at 602 Van Buren Street.

In 1883 Mr. Hayne married Miss Julia Hitchcock of New Haven, Conn. They have no children.

Mr. Hayne is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church and belongs to the Elks Lodge and Chamber of Commerce.

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Walter F. Luehrs, president of the Commercial National Bank of Wilmington, is one of the prominent figures in the business life of Will County, and a man who is highly esteemed in the community in which he lives. He was born at Matteson, Ill., May 30, 1892, the son of Henry and Mary (Vatter) Luehrs.

Henry Luehrs, deceased, was a native of Illinois. He was born at Monee, in Cook County, and was one of the earliest settlers of Matteson. In 1901 he retired from business and located in Joliet, where he died Sept. 9, 1901. His wife died March 13, 1927. They are buried in St. John's Cemetery, Joliet. To Mr. and Mrs. Luehrs six children were born, as follows: Henry, a World War veteran, lives at Joliet; May, married A. S. Nahin, real estate, lives in Chicago; Arthur, a World War veteran, lives in Joliet; Walter F., the subject of this sketch; Elmer, lives in Joliet; and Emma, married Alexander R. Keir, Jr., a farmer, lives in Will County.

Walter F. Luehrs was reared and educated in Joliet. He also attended Putland's Business College, and began his banking career in 1900, with the First National Bank of Joliet, with whom he was identified for 11 years. In December, 1919, Mr. Luehrs came to Wilmington as cashier of the Commercial National Bank. He was elected president Nov. 30, 1926. For many years Mr. Luehrs was also cashier of the First National Bank of Braidwood, Ill., and is still a member of the board of directors.

On May 25, 1920, Mr. Luehrs was united in marriage with Miss Josephine Bissel, who was born at Joliet, Oct. 7, 1889. They have four children: Ruth Louise, born Jan. 26, 1922; Walter F., Jr., born Oct. 13, 1923; Frederick, born Feb. 23, 1925; and Margaret Mary, born Jan. 17, 1927.

On Sept. 5, 1918, Mr. Luehrs volunteered for service in the World War and was sent to Camp Grant, Ill. He was later transferred to Camp



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McArthur, Texas, and was discharged from the service, Dec. 29, 1918, at Camp Grant, Ill.

Mr. Luehrs is a Republican in politics and has served as city treasurer of Wilmington for two terms. He is a member of the Catholic Church and belongs to the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion, being adjutant of Lester Smith Post, Wilmington.

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**The Commercial National Bank of Wilmington.**—Much of the essential banking history of the City of Wilmington is involved in the record of the Commercial National Bank. This bank was organized March 15, 1872, and was originally known as the Miners National Bank of Braidwood. The first officers were: John H. Daniels, president; H. E. C. Daniels, vice president; and William H. O'Dell, cashier. The directors were: John H. Daniels, H. E. C. Daniels, E. W. Felton, Henry Jones, and William H. O'Dell.

The presidents of this institution in order of their succession are: John H. Daniels, D. W. Cobb, E. W. Felton, H. N. Roberts, Edward Donahoe, and Walter F. Luehrs.

The officers for 1928 are: Walter F. Luehrs, president; M. F. Riley, vice president; and W. H. Whitmore, Jr., cashier. The directors are: E. P. Donahoe, M. F. Riley, Walter F. Luehrs, George McQueen, and H. J. Ohlhnes.

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**George W. Alderman** is a highly esteemed citizen of Joliet, and a member of a prominent pioneer family of Will County. He was born in Dupage County, Ill., near Downer's Grove, Feb. 16, 1872, the son of Augustus S. and Eleanor (Welch) Alderman.

Augustus S. Alderman, deceased, was a prosperous and representative farmer of Dupage Township. He was born in Canada, March 4, 1835, the son of George W. and Adeline (Sharp) Alderman. When two years of age he accompanied his parents on their removal to Michigan City, Ind., where the family resided for a short time, and then went to Chicago. In 1841 the family settled on a small farm in DuPage Township, Will County, where Augustus S. Alderman grew to manhood. He devoted his time and attention to agricultural pursuits. On March 14, 1871 Mr. Alderman married Miss Eleanor Welch, and to this union three children were born, George W., the subject of this sketch; Eleanor

Dystrup; and Grace Phelps. A year previous to his marriage Mr. Alderman purchased a small farm and by industry and economy he prospered, and as his financial resources increased he kept adding to his property until he was the owner of 540 acres of excellent farm land, located in Sections 22, 26, and 27, DuPage Township. Mr. Alderman was a staunch Democrat and never withheld his aid from any measure which he believed would prove a public benefit. He was a Mason and an Odd Fellow. He was one of the self made men of Will County, having started out in life in limited circumstances and the success he achieved was due entirely to his excellent business ability, sound judgment, good management, as well as his industry. He died Oct. 9, 1910, and is buried in Barber's Corners Cemetery, DuPage Township. His widow, who was born in DuPage Township, July 10, 1850, now resides at Lemont, Ill. Augustus S. Alderman had one sister, Mary, who married Romanzo Lyman. She is deceased and is buried at Naperville, Ill.

George W. Alderman attended the district school and was associated with his father in farming until 1909, when he began farming on his own account. His first farm consisted of 260 acres. He later purchased 100 acres and to this he added 160 acres, and later 110 more. This was later divided among the estate, Mr. Alderman retaining 500 acres.

On June 30, 1909, Mr. Alderman was married to Miss Anna L. Gillespie, of Evansville, Indiana. To Mr. and Mrs. Alderman one son was born, Augustus S., born Oct. 20, 1910. He attended Farragut school, and was graduated from Joliet Township High School in 1928. He was a prominent member of the Joliet Township High School Band, which for the years 1926, 1927 and 1928 won the National Championship among high school bands in the United States.

Mr. Alderman is a Democrat in national politics, and fraternally is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Rebekah Lodge. He has served as a school trustee of the township board of education and has always taken an active interest in all civic affairs. His home, which is modern and beautiful, is at 600 Buell Avenue, Joliet.

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**Henry Biesterfeld** is a substantial and highly esteemed citizen of Crete Township, where he is serving as highway commissioner and school director. He was born in Lake County, Ind., Aug. 25, 1868, the son of Fred and Engel (Batterman) Biesterfeld.

Fred Biesterfeld, deceased, was a native of Germany. He was among the earliest settlers of Will County, having located in Crete

Township. He later lived in Lake County, Ind., but after a number of years returned to Crete Township, where he was well known as a successful dairy farmer, being the owner of 92 acres of well improved land. He died May 21, 1917, at the age of 76 years. His wife is also deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Biesterfeld were born three children: Fred, lives in Stephen County, Minn.; Henry, the subject of this sketch; and Sophia, married William Senholtz, Stephen County, Minn.

Henry Biesterfeld spent his boyhood in Lake County, Ind., and obtained his education in the district schools. Throughout his life he has been interested in general farming. Although living practically retired he is still the owner of his fine farm of 83 acres in Crete Township. A modern home was built by Mr. Biesterfeld in 1925. He has held the office of highway commissioner for the past five years and has been school director since 1919. He has been a resident of this township for more than half a century.

In 1897 Mr. Biesterfeld was united in marriage with Miss Marie Rinne, of Crete Township, the daughter of William and Marie Rinne, pioneer settlers of Will County. Mr. and Mrs. Biesterfeld have three children: Edna, was educated in Bloom Township High School, and the Chicago Business College, now employed in Chicago; Martin, married Miss Zelma Meier, of Washington Township, Will County, lives on the old homestead; and Hilda, was educated in Bloom High School and Chicago Heights Business College, married Henry Blievernicht. All live at home.

Mr. Biesterfeld has always been a Republican. He and his family are members of the Lutheran Church, of which he is an elder, and he belongs to the Chamber of Commerce.

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**Dennison D. Green** was born in Westford, New York, February 13, 1807. His wife, Otilla Wheeler Green, was born in Columbia County, New York, Nov. 24, 1812. They were married in 1831 and came to Will County in 1836, settling first in Joliet and a few years later moving to Plainfield, where the rest of their lives was spent. Mrs. Green died April 28, 1896, and Mr. Green followed her on July 4 of the same year.

Five children were born to them: Judson D., born in 1834, married Josephine Kirby, and spent the last years of his life in Plainfield; Emma, born in 1837, married Oscar Hoag, and after his death married Frank Wride, of Los Angeles, Calif., where she passed most of her life; Lovi, born in 1839, married Miss Riley, of Holton, Mich., where she

died; Josephine, born in 1844, married A. Kendrick Hyland, and after his death to Fred Harris, life spent in Will County; Bentley Wheeler, born in 1854, married Ida Colgrove, life spent on farm near Plainfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Green were lifelong members of the Baptist Church and generous contributors to all of its activities. Mr. Green was also an ardent abolitionist and his blacksmith shop was used as a station in the underground railway and harbored many runaway slaves.

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**Homer George**, one of the successful farmers and stockmen of Wheatland Township, is a member of a family that has long been identified with the history of Will County. He was born on a farm near where he resides, Nov. 20, 1875, the son of William and Hannah Dundore George.

William George was born in Germany in 1836 and his wife was born in Ohio in 1838. They settled in Will County in 1866, and Mr. George purchased 80 acres of land in Wheatland Township. He later purchased a larger adjoining farm where he resided throughout his life and died in 1897. His wife died in 1901. They are buried in the cemetery at Plainfield. To Mr. and Mrs. George the following children were born: Mary, born in 1865, died in infancy; Franklin, born in 1867, died in infancy; William, born May 28, 1868, lives in Naperville, Ill.; Walter, born June 12, 1870, farmer, lives in Wheatland Township; Abbie Mae, born Sept. 5, 1873, married Clem W. Prough, lives in Joliet; Milton Homer, the subject of this sketch; and Robert D.; born July 30, 1884, lives in Joliet.

Homer George received his education in the schools of Wheatland Township, and throughout his life had been interested in general farming and stock raising. He is a charter member of the Will County Farm Bureau and has extensive business interests, being vice president of the Federal Loan Association of Will County and a stockholder in the Plainfield Grain Company. He is also school trustee for Wheatland Township.

On August 30, 1904, Mr. George was united in marriage with Miss Belle Green, of Plainfield, Ill., the daughter of Judson and Josephine (Kirby) Green, both deceased. Both were natives of New York and early settlers in Illinois. Mr. Green died in 1908 and his wife died in 1924. He came to Joliet in 1836 at the age of two years and later moved to Plainfield. Mr. and Mrs. Green had three daughters: Mary Jane,



married Cassius Greene in New York, lives in Los Angeles, Calif.; Alice Louise, married Howard M. Snapp, lives in Joliet; and Belle George.

To Mr. and Mrs. George were born four children: Forrest Dundore, born June 18, 1905, lives at home; Josephine Louise, born Oct. 20, 1906, married Murley J. Wheeler, lives in Kendall County, Ills., and they have two children, Murley J., Jr., and George Laurence; Laurence Homer, born Feb. 20, 1909, attends North Central College, Naperville, Ills., and Winifred Belle, born Oct. 10, 1911, attends Plainfield High School.

Mr. George is affiliated with A. F. & A. M., No. 536, Plainfield; Pansy Chapter, Eastern Star, Plainfield; Joliet Commandery No. 4, Knights Templar; Joliet Council, No. 82, R. & S. M.; Joliet Chapter No. 27, R. A. M.; Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Chicago, and Ansar Temple A. A. O. N. M. S., of Springfield, Ills.

He is prominent throughout Will County and highly esteemed.

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**Christian B. Eskilson** is a highly esteemed citizen and widely known business man of Beecher, where he is president of the Dixie Dairy Company and director of the First State Bank of Beecher. He was born in Denmark, April 5, 1878, the son of Jens and Kjestine Eskilson.

At the age of 18 years Mr. Eskilson came to the United States and settled in Wisconsin, where he became interested in the manufacture of butter. Later, he went to Chicago and was employed by the Clover Leaf Milk Company there until 1903, at which time he came to Beecher to buy milk for the city distribution of a Chicago firm. In 1913 Mr. Eskilson purchased his interest and organized Dixie Dairy Company at Beecher and was elected president and treasurer. The other officers are: John C. Werner, vice president; and Elmer Bielfeld, secretary.

The Dixie Dairy Company is the only retail dairy plant in the eastern part of Will County, and ranks among the leading concerns of its kind in the state of Illinois. It owns and operates 45 delivery trucks and employs approximately 75 men. Territory covered by the company extends from Kankakee to Harvey, Chicago Heights, and Gary, Ind. The business was incorporated for \$100,000 in 1922.

On May 28, 1904, Mr. Eskilson was united in marriage with Miss Esther Johnson, of Chicago. She was born in Sweden and came to America when 20 years of age. To Mr. and Mrs. Eskilson were born four children: Eskil was a student at Beecher High School, a preparatory school in Maryland and was a graduate from the U. S. Naval

Academy at Annapolis in 1926 and now serving as a junior officer in the U. S. Navy; Ethel, a graduate of Bloom Township High School and the University of Illinois in 1928, now a teacher in the public schools of Beecher; Violet, a graduate of Bloom Township High School and a student at the university at Madison, Wis.; and Arnold, a senior at Bloom Township High School.

Politically Mr. Eskilson is a Republican. He is serving his fourth term as mayor of Beecher and has been a member of the school board for several years. He holds membership in the Congregational Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Eskilson is part owner of "Shadow Lawn" farm in Kankakee County, Ill. It is one of the fine farms of that section and contains 176 acres. Besides his local business interests, Mr. Eskilson is a director of the Clover Leaf Milk Company of Chicago.

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**Ferdinand Oberheide, Jr.**, is one of the substantial men and successful merchants of Beecher, where he has engaged in the restaurant and meat business for the past 17 years. He was born in Washington Township, Will County, in March, 1873, the son of Ferdinand and Dorthea (Thuernau) Oberheide.

Ferdinand Oberheide, Sr., who lives retired at Beecher, may claim the distinction of being the oldest resident of Will County. He was born in Hessen, Germany, Oct. 25, 1834, and spent his early life in his native land. At the age of 30 years he came to the United States and located at Beecher, where he married the widow of Christopher Stegge. She was a native of Germany, born in 1835. She died in 1903 and is buried in the Eagle Lake Cemetery. Mr. Oberheide farmed near Eagle Lake until 1909. He owned and operated 120 acres and was a successful stockman. Since 1900 he has lived retired at Beecher. To Mr. and Mrs. Oberheide were born the following children: Louisa, born Jan. 6, 1872, died in infancy; Louisa, born Nov. 24, 1875, married William Horste, farmer, lives in Minnesota; Ferdinand, Jr., the subject of this sketch; Emma, born March 18, 1878, married Charles Powell, lives in Chicago Heights; and August, died Jan. 10, 1882, at the age of 13 years.

Ferdinand Oberheide, Jr., grew up at Eagle Lake and received his education in the public schools. He remained on his father's farm until about 1910, at which time he came to Beecher and established his

present meat business. Two years later he became interested in the restaurant business, which he conducted in connection with his other business. Mr. Oberheide is practically retired and his shop and restaurant are now capably managed by his son, Henry Oberheide.

On May 28, 1899, Mr. Oberheide was united in marriage with Miss Mary Hahn, of Eagle Lake, born Sept. 5, 1875, the daughter of Henry and Mary (Wille) Hahn, natives of Germany and both now deceased. The only child born to Mr. and Mrs. Oberheide is Henry, born July 18, 1900. He is a graduate of Beecher Public High School. He was married on May 6, 1926, to Miss Ramona Ione Jurgerson, of Kankakee County, Ill.

Mr. Oberheide has always been a Republican. He and his family are active members of the Zion Lutheran Church of Beecher.

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**Dr. F. B. Daugherty** is prominent among the successful young dentists of Will County, engaged in the practice of his profession at Peotone for the past 11 years. He was born at Red Oak, Iowa, Aug. 25, 1886, the son of William and Sadie (Wyckoff) Daugherty.

William Daugherty, who resides at Gladstone, Ill., has been operating grain elevators in Illinois and Iowa for more than half a century. He spent his early life in Iowa. His wife was born at Oquawka, Ill. They have the following children: Howard, lives at Corvallis, Ore.; Wilbur, lives at Fonda, Iowa; F. B., the subject of this sketch; and Martha, married Frank Lauber, lives at Lafayette, Ill.

The early education of F. B. Daugherty was received in the public schools of Iowa. He studied dentistry at Northwestern University, Chicago, and was graduated from that institution in 1914. He immediately established a practice at Crete, in Will County, and three years later located at Peotone, where he has established an excellent practice.

On June 26, 1918, Doctor Daugherty was united in marriage with Miss Hilda C. Tillotson, of Crete, the daughter of Myron J. and Minnie (Bielfeldt) Tillotson. Mrs. Daugherty is a graduate of the schools of Crete and DeKalb Normal School. Before her marriage she was identified with the schools of Will County as a teacher. Doctor and Mrs. Daugherty have two daughters: Marion, born May 1, 1919; and Katherine, born July 5, 1921.

Doctor Daugherty is identified with the Kankakee District Dental Society, the Illinois State Dental Society, and the American Dental

Association. He is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and is affiliated with A. F. & A. M. No. 636, Peotone. He is prominent in local affairs, being president of the Chamber of Commerce, president of the Board of Education, and chairman of the Board of Health at Peotone.

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**Clinton Ray Hulbert.**—One of the recognized leading men of Channahan Township is Clinton Ray Hulbert, who has served as township supervisor for the past 22 years. He has also engaged in the mercantile business at Channahan for 35 years. Mr. Hulbert was born near Hicksville, in Defiance County, Ohio, July 23, 1858, the son of Oren S. and Julia (Ames) Hulbert.

Oren S. Hulbert, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born in Defiance County, Ohio, Jan. 20, 1837, and came to Joliet in 1883. After several years he removed to Channahan, where he established a general mercantile business which is now conducted by his son. Mr. Hulbert was also interested in real estate. He died Feb. 8, 1923, and is buried in Willard Grove Cemetery, Channahan Township. His wife died in 1863, at the age of 23 years, and is buried in Lost Creek Cemetery, Defiance County, Ohio. To Mr. and Mrs. Hulbert were born two children: Clinton Ray, the subject of this sketch; and Clara, married E. A. Himes, lives at Channahan.

Clinton Ray Hulbert was reared and educated in Defiance County, Ohio, and came to Channahan Township, Will County, Ill., with his family in 1885. Throughout his business career he has been interested in the mercantile business and for many years has ranked among the dependable merchants of Will County.

On June 26, 1876, Mr. Hulbert was united in marriage with Miss Emma Myers, who was born in Miami County, Kansas, April 5, 1859. Mr. and Mrs. Hulbert were the parents of 15 children, as follows: Jennie, married John Conroy, of Parsons, Kan., and she died in 1928; Julia, married William Long, lives at Channahan; Charles, married Margaret Liberty, lives at Joliet; Clinton, died at the age of 12 years; William, lives at Channahan, married Irene Williams; Marietta, married Frank Valenta, lives at Joliet; Walter, married Ruth Wyrick, lives at Channahan; Loretta, married Sumner Bell, lives at Joliet, and they have a son, Elmer; Emma, married Kenneth Andrews, lives at Joliet; Raymond, married Minnie Calusio, lives at Channahan; Ruth and Ruby, twins, both died in infancy in 1900; John Wesley, married Mary Usyl,



MR. AND MRS. CLINTON RAY HULBERT



lives at Joliet; Harriet Louise, married David Gibbons, lives at Joliet; and Eleanor, married Robert Blum, lives at Joliet. There are 23 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Hulbert has always been a Republican. He was postmaster at Channahan for 18 years, and served as highway commissioner of Channahan Township and school director. He has been local committeeman for 38 years. Mr. Hulbert is a member of the Universalist Church and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star, and Modern Woodmen of America.

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**Lewis Wilbur Smith**, superintendent of Joliet Township High School, is among the widely known educators of Will County. He was born at West Newton, Ohio, Feb. 13, 1876, the son of William Alexander and Sarah (Moore) Smith.

William Alexander Smith, who died in 1895, spent his entire life at West Newton. His wife was also born there. She died in 1914. There were four children in the Smith family: George E., lives at Newark, Ohio; Mrs. Charles E. Gooddall, lives at 5310 Cornelia Avenue, Chicago; Mrs. Noble Eberhardt, lives at 5310 Cornelia Avenue, Chicago; and Lewis Wilbur, the subject of this sketch.

Lewis Wilbur Smith was reared and received his elementary and secondary education in the public schools of Northwestern Ohio. He did his undergraduate work in Denison University and graduated from that institution in 1902 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He did his graduate work in the School of Education, University of Chicago. In recognition of this work he was granted the degree of Master of Arts in 1913, and the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1919. He has had experience as a teacher in every grade of school from the first grade of the elementary school to graduate schools of the University. For the past 20 years he has been an administrator of schools. For eight years of that period he has occupied his present position as superintendent of Joliet Township High School and Junior College.

For two years each Dr. Smith has given summer courses in education in Northwestern University, the University of Chicago, and the University of California. From time to time he is called upon to lecture before various professional and civic bodies upon educational practices. He was the first president of the Illinois High School Principals Association and wrote its constitution. He was one of the organizers of the National Honor Society and since its foundation had been a mem-

ber of the National Council, which guides its policies. In 1925 he was president of the American Association of Junior Colleges, and he is at present chairman of the research committee, charged with the setting up of a national research to be conducted under the auspices of the American Council on Education. For several years he has been chairman of the Commission of Unit Courses and Curricula of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

The Joliet Township High School and Junior College is indeed fortunate to have as its superintendent a man of unusually varied and considerable experiences in educational leadership. Dr. Smith's field of activity ranges from the direction of a secondary school and junior college to adult education in night school and graduate courses in education in state universities. Two year trade courses for those who must begin a man's work at 16 and honor societies for those who will continue their education in colleges and universities, modern school buildings and modern developments in athletics alike receive Dr. Smith's attention.

In 1906 Dr. Smith was united in marriage with Miss Rowena Randall, of Aurora, Ill., the daughter of Frank and Ida F. (Blakesley) Randall. The former is deceased and the latter resides with the Smith family in Joliet. Doctor and Mrs. Smith have two sons, Wilbur and Harold, both at home.

Dr. Smith is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Joliet Country Club and Rotary Club.

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**Martin B. Muehler**, one of the most successful and dependable merchants of Mokena, is a native of Germany. He was born in Saxon, April 15, 1887, the son of William and Augusta (Moore) Muehler.

Both William Muehler and his wife were natives of Germany. They came to the United States in 1911 and settled at Joliet, where Mr. Muehler entered the employ of the American Steel & Wire Company. He and his wife still live at Joliet. He is a Republican and a member of the German Lutheran Church. There were six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Muehler, as follows: Anne, married Alvin Kittler, lives at Joliet; Martin B., the subject of this sketch; Arno, lives at Joliet; Paul, a World War veteran, lives at Joliet; Freida, married William May, lives at Clearwater, Fla.; and Richard, lives at home.

Martin B. Muehler spent his boyhood in his native land and was educated there. He was employed in the coal mines and also worked



on a farm. He served his enlistment in the German army and in 1910 came to the United States and settled at Joliet. For several years he was employed by the American Bakery Company and in May, 1923, came to Mokena, where he established his present meat business. He handles high grade merchandise exclusively and has an excellent trade. In 1926 Mr. Muehler purchased the business property where his store is located.

In 1907 Mr. Muehler married Miss Amelia Hergert. Mrs. Muehler died in 1925 and is buried in Elmhurst Cemetery, Joliet. To Mr. and Mrs. Muehler were born six children: Max and Richard, both in the employ of the J. L. Ferguson Machine Company, Joliet; Hertha, Walter, Willy and Bernice, all students.

Politically, Mr. Muehler is a Republican. He holds membership in St. John's Evangelical Church, and belongs to the German Soldiers Club and the American Business Men's Association.

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**Rev. Philip L. Kennedy.**—Prominent among the leading men of Joliet is Father Kennedy, who is pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. He was born in County Tipperary, Ireland. His parents came to Chicago in 1880. Father Kennedy studied in St. Ignatius College, Chicago, and St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore. He was ordained Oct. 13, 1900. Previous to his appointment to St. Patrick's Church, Father Kennedy was assistant for 13 years to Father Cashman in St. Jarlath's parish, Chicago.

Scarcely had Joliet been organized as a village than the Right Reverend Simon Gabriel Brute, first Bishop of Vincennes, sent as the first pastor of the parish which was to be St. Patrick's, John Francis Plunkett. He took up his duties in November, 1838, having been transferred here from Madison, Ind. He was stricken suddenly and died in January, 1840. The settlers were then attended by Father Maurice de Saint Palais, then a missionary priest of the Diocese of Vincennes. Owing to his solid piety he rose rapidly in the ranks of the clergy and became successively the Vicar General and the Bishop of Vincennes. He died at St. Mary's of the Woods in 1877. In February, 1840, Father Hippolyte DuPontavice arrived in Joliet and became pastor of the new church. Again we find a young man sent by the Bishop to assume the responsibilities of a large parish. Father DuPontavice attended per-

sonally to the building of the church and after a short time petitioned the Bishop to send him an associate pastor. The Bishop acceded to his wish, and on Aug. 30, 1840, we find another priest at St. Patrick's, Father John Gueguen. In 1843 the diocese of Chicago was formed and Joliet, coming under the jurisdiction of the new diocese, Father DuPontavice went back to his own diocese, and was stationed at Madison, Ind. He died May 27, 1847.

The fourth pastor of St. Patrick's Church was Rev. John Ingoldsby. He came to Joliet in August, 1844. During his administration the parish flourished and in 1848 a steeple was added to the church building. Rev. George Hamilton was appointed fifth pastor of St. Patrick's Church on April 3, 1850, and he was succeeded by Rev. Patrick Farrelly in August, 1858. His first official act was to reverse the old popular name of St. Patrick's, which Father Hamilton in his devotion to his patron saint had changed to St. George. Rev. Walter Power was appointed pastor of St. Patrick's to succeed Father Farrelly.

In January, 1886, Rev. Patrick W. Dunne was given charge of St. Patrick's Church, and he had the pleasure of celebrating the golden jubilee of the parish in 1889. There was a crying need of a modern parochial school and Father Dunne at once undertook to construct what has been called the Marquette School. At present the Christian Brothers occupy this building under the name of the DeLasalle Institute. Father Dunne put the Ladies of Loretto in charge of his new school and for many years these noble women gave forth their best efforts in the training of the hearts and minds of their numerous pupils. The excellent work of his administration in this parish from 1886 until 1911 is well known and appreciated by the people of Joliet. In 1911 Archbishop Quigley appointed Father Dunne permanent rector of St. James Church in Chicago, and also conferred on him the dignity of Diocesan Consultor.

Rev. Peter O'Dwyer was appointed pastor of St. Patrick's in 1911. It was during his period of office that the new house on Broadway was built, which is now the residence of the Christian Brothers. Father O'Dwyer is at present pastor of St. Rose of Lima's Church in Chicago. He was succeeded by Rev. Philip L. Kennedy, present pastor. Rev. William D. O'Brien, now Rt. Rev. Monsignor, and President of the Catholic Church Extension Society, and Rev. Joseph P. Morrison, now acting pastor of Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago, were the first assistants to Father Kennedy.

The work of building the new St. Patricks Church was begun in May, 1918. Services were held in the new church for the first time on

Sunday, March 2, 1919. The Dominican Sisters had moved into their convent in the summer of 1918 and classes began in the new St. Patrick's School in September, 1918.

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**Frank J. Carnaghi**, who is serving as assistant cashier of the Joliet National Bank, is one of the best known young business men of the city. He was born at Seymour, Iowa, May 1, 1893, the son of Vincent and Louisa (Spesia) Carnaghi.

Vincent Carnaghi, who lives retired in Joliet, is a native of Italy. His wife is deceased and is buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Joliet. There were two children born to Mr. and Mrs. Carnaghi: Josephine, married Capt. Nicholas Fornango, who is a Captain on the Joliet police force; and Frank J., the subject of this sketch.

About 1895 the Carnaghi family settled in Joliet, and it was in this city that Frank J. Carnaghi received his schooling. He also attended the Metropolitan Business College and began his banking career as a bookkeeper for the Joliet National Bank in 1912. He was later promoted to teller and in 1925 was made assistant cashier of this institution.

On June 3, 1914, Mr. Carnaghi married Miss Ruth Bigelow, of Joliet, the daughter of George and Elizabeth Bigelow. Mr. Bigelow, deceased, was a prominent musician of Joliet. His widow makes her home with Mr. Carnaghi.

Politically Mr. Carnaghi is a Republican. He is a trustee of St. Anthony's Catholic Church and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, Third Degree. He also holds membership in the Joliet Country Club, Joliet Advertising Club, and the Chamber of Commerce.

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**John A. Tezak** is among the capable and well known men of Joliet, where he has been known as a funeral director for the past 20 years. He was born at Clinton, Iowa, Feb. 7, 1886, the son of George and Margaret Tezak.

George Tezak was born in Austria. He emigrated to the United States in early life and settled at Clinton, Iowa, where he followed general farming and stock raising. He died in 1920 at the age of 83 years, and is buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Joliet. He spent the latter part of his life in this city, where his widow now resides. To

Mr. and Mrs. Tezak the following children were born: Catherine, married John Simonich, lives in Joliet; Margaret, married M. Kozjan, lives in Joliet; Antone C., lives in California; Mrs. Mary Stukel, lives in Joliet; Joseph; and John A., the subject of this sketch.

John A. Tezak attended the public schools of Clinton, Iowa, and later studied in Chicago. After completing a course at the William E. Duffy Embalming School he became an instructor in that school and remained there until 1908, when he established his present business in Joliet. His funeral home, which is located at 207 Indiana Avenue, is one of the up-to-date and well equipped mortuaries to be found in this section of Illinois. Mr. Tezak is chairman of the Funeral Directors Association of Will County, and a member of the Illinois Funeral Directors Association. Since 1925 Mr. Tezak has also been interested in the floral business.

On April 29, 1914, Mr. Tezak married Miss Jean Dickman, of Forest City, Pa., the daughter of John and Mary Dickman. Mr. Dickman is deceased and his widow resides at Forest City, Pa. To Mr. and Mrs. Tezak have been born five children: George, deceased; Eugene, born Sept. 12, 1916; Clinton Robert, born Sept. 23, 1918; Richard, born Sept. 6, 1919; and Donald Charles, born Feb. 18, 1924.

Mr. Tezak is a Republican, a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, and belongs to the Elks Lodge, Loyal Order of Moose, Modern Woodmen of America, Western Catholic Union, and National Slovak Union.

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Charles Schleeter, vice president of the State Bank of Manhattan, is a leading farmer and stockman of Jackson Township. He was born on a farm in this township, Sept. 13, 1872, the son of Henry H. and Mary (Luking) Schleeter.

Henry H. Schleeter, deceased, was a native of Germany and a veteran of the Civil War. He was 17 years of age when he and his parents came to the United States and settled in Lancaster County, Pa. He served throughout the Civil War with a Pennsylvania company and in March, 1866, came to Will County, and settled in Jackson Township. He purchased 60 acres of land in Sections 23 and 26, and at the time of his death was the owner of 260 acres. He died July 2, 1910, at the age of 78 years, and his wife died Jan. 23, 1913. They are buried in Providence Ridge Cemetery. To Mr. and Mrs. Schleeter were born seven children, two of whom survive: Frederick, born in 1867, lives in Jackson Township; and Charles, the subject of this sketch.

Charles Schleeter was educated in the district schools of Jackson Township and remained on the family homestead until 1910. He then purchased part of his father's farm, and at various times since then has added to his holdings until he is now the owner of 210 acres of well improved land. He is extensively engaged in the feeding of cattle, and is also interested in general farming. Mr. Schleeter has been identified with the State Bank of Manhattan as vice president since 1919. He is also a director.

On Feb. 15, 1911, Mr. Schleeter was united in marriage with Miss Myrtle Long, a native of Michigan. They have four children: Doris, Gladys, Lorin, and Charles.

Mr. Schleeter is a Republican and a member of the Manhattan Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he served as Sunday School Superintendent for a number of years.

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**Oliver H. Tesdall.**—One of the leading merchants of Joliet is Mr. Tesdall, who is identified with the clothing firm of Tesdall-Pratt. He was born in Norway, May 8, 1876, and at the age of three years came to this country. The early years of his life were spent on a farm in Grundy County. He received his schooling at Valparaiso, Ind., and at Ottawa, Ill.

After completing his schooling Mr. Tesdall went to Morris, Ill., where he spent several years as a salesman. He later located at Sheffield, and in 1902 came to Joliet, where he accepted a position with Dinet & Nachbour Company, clothiers. In 1916 he left this firm to engage in business for himself, at that time becoming a partner of Mr. Pratt. They purchased the business of L. A. Raub, who had established the business 20 years earlier. They are local dealers for Society Brand clothing and carry a complete line of men's clothing and furnishings. It is among the finest stores in the city and is located at 225-227 East Jefferson Street.

In 1906 Mr. Tesdall married Miss Jeanette Miller, of Frankfort, N. Y. They have a daughter, Frances Louella, who was graduated from Joliet Township High School in 1927.

Mr. Tesdall is a Republican, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, of which he is deacon, and he also belongs to the Masonic Lodge, Modern Woodmen of America, Kiwanis Club, and Chamber of Commerce.

**Col. Fred Bennett**, retired, is one of the representative citizens of Joliet, where he engaged in the practice of law since Sept. 15, 1876. He was born at Hammondsport, N. Y., Aug. 5, 1855, the son of Col. Benjamin and Malinda (Wheeler) Bennett.

Col. Benjamin Bennett was born at Hammondsport, and was the 18th of 23 children born to his parents. During his early career he followed farming and taught school. He later studied law and became a leading lawyer of New York. On April 17, 1861, he enlisted for service in the Civil War, being the eighth man on the roll, after making a trip of eight miles to enlist. He enlisted as a private in Company A, 23rd New York Volunteer Infantry, but later received the commission of a first lieutenant. He served in the First Corps Army of the Potomac, and after completing his first term of service, returned to his home town, where he organized Company G, of the 22nd New York Cavalry. This regiment also served in the Army of the Potomac, and Col. Bennett, with his entire company, was captured at Ream Station, Va., on June 29, 1864. He remained in prison for eight months and made four unsuccessful attempts at escape. His wife, Malinda (Wheeler) Bennett was born in New York, Feb. 25, 1831, and died at Joliet, March 24, 1918. She is buried in Oakwood Cemetery. Colonel Bennett died Aug. 25, 1889. Two sons were born to Col. Benjamin and Mrs. Bennett: Fred, the subject of this sketch; and Mark, born May 31, 1859. He lives in Oakland, Calif., and is prominent in newspaper work. He was a resident of Joliet until 1920.

Fred Bennett was reared and educated at Hammondsport, N. Y., and also attended Cornell University, and in 1875 came to Joliet. Soon after coming to Joliet he entered the service of the State of Illinois and from 1876 until 1898 he was in the Illinois National Guard and rose rapidly to colonel in 1883 and continued as such until after the Spanish-American War. He served throughout the Spanish-American War as a Colonel of the Third Illinois Volunteer Infantry and was discharged Jan. 24, 1899. He was admitted to the bar of Illinois, Sept. 15, 1876, and until his recent retirement was recognized as one of the leading attorneys of Will County. Colonel Bennett, who was responsible for the elimination of the grade crossings in Joliet, believes this to be his greatest and most worthwhile achievement.

On April 19, 1883, Colonel Bennett was united in marriage with Miss Anne E. Reed, the daughter of Samuel B. and Jane E. (Earle) Reed. Samuel B. Reed, who was the greatest railroad builder of history, died Dec. 25, 1891, at the age of 73 years, and is buried in Oakwood



COL. FRED BENNITT





Cemetery, Joliet. He was a native of Arlington, Vt., and his wife was born in Potter County, Pa. They were married April 11, 1855, and had three daughters: Anne E. Bennitt; Mary B., the widow of Louis Hyde, lives at Joliet; and Jane R., married Col. Arthur S. Dwight, lives at Great Neck, L. I. To Colonel and Mrs. Bennitt were born six children, only one of whom survives, Fred Dwight Bennitt, who was born in Joliet, Oct. 24, 1900, and was educated in the public schools of this city. He also attended Culver Military Academy, and was graduated from the University of Illinois in 1922. He lives at Joliet, where he is employed in the legal department of the Western United Gas and Electric Company. He married Miss Helen Smith, of Joliet. Alice Bennitt, who died in 1921, was the wife of Elbert E. Bates, of Joliet. They had two children, Bennitt and Anne Reed Bates, students at Joliet Township High School. The other children of Colonel and Mrs. Bennitt died in infancy.

Colonel Bennitt is identified with the Republican party in politics and is a member of the Episcopal Church. He belongs to the Spanish-American War Veterans and the Loyal Legion of the United States of America.

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Wald Olsen, well known garage owner of Crete, was born in Denmark, June 4, 1888. After completing his schooling he learned the machinist's trade in 1902. He served in the navy for one year and then traveled extensively throughout Europe, visiting practically every country in the world. He served in the capacity of engineer in the employ of the Norwegian Steamship Company for three years and afterward came to the United States. He located in northern Michigan, where he was employed by the Verona Mining Company for a year. He traveled through Illinois and Michigan and during the World War enlisted for service. He spent 15 months with the Motor Transportation Corps as a chauffeur and was sent to France, where he saw active duty for nine months. He was discharged with the rank of corporal. Mr. Olsen has been interested in the automobile business since 1915 and has been located at Crete since 1917. He operates a first class repair shop and also is a dealer in gasoline, oils, and automobile accessories. His business is located on the Dixie Highway.

Mr. Olsen was married in 1922 to Mrs. Anna M. Griebe Janota, a native of Germany, born July 26, 1896. At the time of her marriage she was living in Chicago. Mrs. Olsen has two daughters: Helen, born

Sept. 18, 1913; and Clara, born Sept. 5, 1916. Both are accomplished musicians and have been identified with the public school orchestra at Crete.

Mr. Olsen is a member of the Masonic lodge, the American Legion, and also belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and Lincolnshire Country Club. He has a wide acquaintance throughout Will County and is well liked by his many friends and business associates.

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**Edward Andrew Rollert**, agent for the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad at Faithorn for the past 21 years, is a highly esteemed and well known resident of Crete. He was born in Chicago, Feb. 27, 1884.

Mr. Rollert has always been connected with railroad work. He began as a clerk for the Chicago, Junction Railroad in Chicago, and in 1899 went with the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad. Three years later he was made yard master for the Chicago Belt Railway, and later was promoted to agent. He came to Faithorn in August, 1907, to accept the position of chief clerk of the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, which was then known as the Chicago, Terre Haute & Southeastern Railroad. He was soon promoted to agent. Throughout these years Mr. Rollert has been a resident of Crete, where he is the owner of a popular gasoline service station.

On May 11, 1910, Mr. Rollert married Miss Rose Dumas, of Chicago. They have two sons: Edward, born in 1912; and Howard, born in 1914. Both are students in the Bloom Township High School.

Mr. Rollert is a member of the Crete Methodist Church and belongs to F. & A. M. No. 763, Crete, Modern Woodmen of America, and Lincolnshire Country Club.

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**J. H. Pralle**, deceased, was among the dependable and well known business men of Crete, where he founded the milk transportation company which bears his name. He was born at Beecher, Will County, in 1882, and died April 25, 1925.

Mr. Pralle came to Crete with his family in August, 1915, and for several months was employed as an automobile salesman for the Crete Garage. Late that fall he purchased a milk route for the small sum of \$50.00. The terms were \$10 down and the balance in a note. Even this ten dollars he had to borrow. Shortly after this, being able to

get terms and with the determination that no work was too much for him he was able to buy a small truck. The route that he purchased was 15 cans of milk to be delivered at Chicago Heights in the morning. In the afternoon he would go to the country for eggs, veal and chickens. The milk business grew so that the farm products were later dropped and Mr. Pralle went into the wholesale milk business exclusively. He was a promoter of better milk conditions for farmers, his motto being "A Square Deal and Good Service." At the time of his tragic death in 1925 the business had grown to such an extent that Mr. Pralle had 14 trucks carrying milk to Chicago and vicinity. Two years before his death he had appointed his son Harold as foreman, and was assisted by his daughter, Mildred. The business has remained in the hands of his widow, Mrs. Mathilda Pralle. Harold was appointed manager and Mildred secretary and bookkeeper. During the last five years the need for a receiving plant to take care of the milk was felt necessary and in 1927 the owners of the business built a modern receiving plant.

Harold Pralle was born at Riverdale, Cook County, Ill., March 29, 1903. He obtained his education in St. Paul's Lutheran School at Dalton, and completed his education in the German Lutheran School at Crete. He ranks among the enterprising young business men of Will County.

The family residence at Crete, planned by Mr. Pralle before his death, was built in 1926, and is among the attractive residences of the city.

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**Lewis L. McLaren**, mechanical engineer, and secretary of the Illinois Rail Joint Company, Joliet, is a native of this city. He was born April 29, 1889, and is a son of John and Mary (Barber) McLaren.

John McLaren, deceased, was a native of Glasgow, Scotland. He came to America when a young man and first located in Na-Aw-Say Township, Kendall County, Ill., where he engaged in the contracting and building business. He came to Joliet in 1880 and was associated with F. P. Frey in the coal business. He died in April, 1909, and is buried in Wheatland United Presbyterian Cemetery, Joliet. He was a Republican and a member of the Central Presbyterian Church. His wife, a native of Ayrshire, Scotland, lives at 600 Herkimer Street, Joliet. To Mr. and Mrs. McLaren eight children were born, seven of whom died in infancy.

Lewis L. McLaren received his early education in the public schools of Joliet, graduating from the Joliet High School in 1906. He was

graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1914 with the degree of Mechanical Engineer. Since graduation he has been employed in the steel mills of Joliet, Indiana Harbor, Ind., and Gary, Ind., until 1925, when he resigned to devote his time to private work in his profession. In May, 1928, he assisted in organizing the Illinois Rail Joint Company of which he is secretary and chief engineer.

In May, 1918, Mr. McLaren enlisted as a private soldier and was sent to Camp Bradley, Peoria, Ill. He was later transferred to Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and assigned to the Signal Corps. He received his discharge from the service at Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill., in January, 1919.

Mr. McLaren is a member of the Society of American Mechanical Engineers. He belongs to American Legion, Harwood Post No. 5; the Chamber of Commerce; and the Masonic bodies. He is a member of the Central Presbyterian Church, and politically is a Republican. Mr. McLaren has a wide acquaintance and has always been regarded both socially and in his business relations as a valuable citizen of Joliet.

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**Henry F. Bode** is among the most prominent and successful farmers of Monee Township, where he is the owner of 320 acres of land. He was born on the farm where he lives, Oct. 25, 1869, the son of Frederic and Mariah (Helberg) Bode.

Frederic Bode was born in Germany in 1839. He emigrated to the United States when 16 years of age and settled in Monee Township, Will County, where he later became the owner of the present Bode farm. He was a progressive stockman and one of the best known farmers of the county. Mr. Bode died in 1907 and his wife died in 1920. She was also born in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Bode are buried in the Lutheran Cemetery at Richton. They were the parents of the following children: Louise, married Philip Werner, lives in Monee Township; George, lives at Matteson, Ill.; Henry F., the subject of this sketch; Louis, lives in Oklahoma; August, died in 1902 at the age of 22 years; and Alvania, married Edward Bartels, lives in Monee Township.

Henry F. Bode obtained his education in the district schools of Monee Township and has always lived on the same farm. He has made extensive improvements on the place and it is now numbered among the attractive farms of the township. Mr. Bode carries on general farming and is widely known as a grain and dairy farmer.

On June 5, 1898, Mr. Bode married Miss Bertha Illgen, of Monee Township. She died May 4, 1928, and is buried in the Lutheran Cemetery at Richton. To Mr. and Mrs. Bode were born three children: Elsie, married William Stuenkel, lives in Rich Township, and they have a son, Amos; Fred, born April 5, 1901, lives at home; and Theodore, born May 4, 1902, lives at home.

Mr. Bode is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. He is serving as school trustee and is active in the affairs of the Will County Farm Bureau. Politically, he is a Republican.

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**William O. Bates** stands among the leading business men of Joliet, where he is vice president of the Bates Manufacturing Company. He was born in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, the son of Joshua and Mary (Oswald) Bates.

Both Joshua Bates and his wife were natives of Canada, where they spent their early lives. They were pioneer settlers of Joliet, where Mr. Bates was well known as a building contractor. He died in this city, and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery. His wife died at Carthage, Mo.

William O. Bates learned the machinist's trade early in life and was the founder of the Bates Manufacturing Company, at Joliet in 1884. The business was incorporated in 1888. The present officers are as follows: C. C. Mitchell, president; William O. Bates, vice president; William O. Bates, Jr., treasurer, and H. H. Bates, secretary. E. E. Bates is purchasing agent.

The Bates Manufacturing Company, one of the leading manufacturing enterprises of Joliet, are builders of Corliss Engines, Feed Water Heaters, Barb Wire Machines, Staple machinery, Wire Mill machinery, Farm Tractors, large road building tractors, and general machinery. They employ approximately 250 men in their plant, which is located at Jackson and Henderson streets. The products of this well known company are distributed throughout the United States, Canada, and foreign countries.

On Sept. 6, 1882, Mr. Bates married Miss Mary J. Cleary, a native of Canada. They have three sons: Harry, lives at Joliet, is a graduate of Cornell University, married Miss Georgia Reed of Joliet, and they have three children: Robert, Fredrick and Betty. 2. Elbert E., lives at Joliet, is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, married Miss Alice Bennitt, of Joliet, and they had two children, Bennie and

Ann. Mrs. Bates is deceased. 3. William O., Jr., lives at Joliet, is a graduate of Cornell University, married Miss Dorothy Mathias, of Joliet, and they have two children, David and Suzanne.

Mr. Bates has always been a Republican. He is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce. The family residence is located at 211 Sherman Street, Joliet.

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**George F. Powers**, who is identified with the Powers-Thompson Construction Company, is an enterprising and progressive business man of Joliet and a member of one of the oldest and best known families of Will County. He was born at Earl Park, Ind., Dec. 31, 1869, the son of C. E. and Lydia Ray (Austin) Powers.

C. E. Powers was born in Oneida County, N. Y., Jan. 7, 1846, and was seven years old when his family removed to Illinois and settled in Will County. He became a prosperous farmer and stockman of Wesley Township. Both he and his wife are deceased and are buried at Wilmington, Ill. They had four children: W. A., retired, lives at Wilmington; George F., the subject of this sketch; Susan, lives at Akron, Ohio; and Edward G., lives at Wilmington.

George F. Powers spent his boyhood in Wilmington. After finishing Wilmington High School he entered the employ of the American Strawboard Association as a shipping clerk. In 1890 he went with the Chicago & Alton Railroad and four years later was employed by the Calumet & Blue Island Railroad. When that railroad was absorbed by the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railroad Mr. Powers was made superintendent of bridge construction work. He resigned in 1908 to organize what is now the Powers-Thompson Construction Company of Joliet, with which he has since been connected. The company's offices are located at 221 South Chicago Street. Mr. Powers has extensive real estate holdings in Joliet and also owns well improved land in New Lenox and Joliet townships.

On March 31, 1892, Mr. Powers was united in marriage with Miss Alice M. McCall, who was born in Scotland in 1870, the daughter of James and Mary (English) McCall, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Scotland. The McCall family settled in Illinois in 1880. Mr. and Mrs. McCall, deceased, were the parents of eight children. To George F. and Alice M. (McCall) Powers were born three children: Vera G., married Roy W. Eaton, lives at Joliet; Ray Austin, lives at Joliet, is a veteran of the World War, having served with the rank of

second lieutenant; and Agnes M., married Thomas MacGrath, who is identified with the Powers-Thompson Construction Company, Joliet.

Mr. Powers is a member of the Universalist Church and is affiliated with all the Masonic bodies, Knights of Pythias, M. W. A., a life member in the Chamber of Commerce, Joliet, and the Medinah Athletic Club, Chicago.

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**James A. Bell**, who has been in the employ of the Illinois Steel Company for a period of 40 years, is among the highly respected and well known citizens of Joliet. He was born at Truro, Cornwall, England, Nov. 28, 1861, the son of Robert and Lucy (Jenkins) Bell.

Robert Bell was born in Lanarkshire, Scotland, in 1824, and died in England in 1886. He was interested in the brokerage business and also engaged in the dry goods business. His wife was a native of Cornwall, England, and died there in 1895. There were nine children in the Bell family, of whom James A., the subject of this sketch, was the second in order of birth.

James A. Bell spent his boyhood in his native land and was educated at East Devon School and King's College. He entered the English Navy as a naval engineer cadet, and after several years was attached to the merchant marine service. He served a term of apprenticeship in marine construction and naval architecture, and afterward was an engineer with the fleet at the bombardment of Alexandria in the first Egyptian campaign and later in the Soudan at Suakim. He then went to China as a guarantee engineer for Sir William Armstrong and remained in the Chinese service during the war with France. From there he went to England and later cruised with the fleet of the Duke of Edinboro in the Baltic Sea and also to the White Sea. He then was connected with the merchant marine service as engineer between America and England during the extensive cattle trade, and finally went to Japan from New York. On this voyage his ship was wrecked off the Japan coast. He remained a year and a half in Chinese waters and went as far up the big rivers as navigation permitted in the Chinese revenue service, and in April, 1888, made a world cruise, after which he returned to the United States and settled at Bloomington, Ill. In November, 1888, he located at Joliet, where he has since been connected with the Illinois Steel Company. Since December, 1910, he has been master mechanic.

On Oct. 25, 1891, Mr. Bell was united in marriage with Miss Emma Cox, of Joliet, the daughter of Daniel and Harriet (Freear) Cox, natives

of England. To Mr. and Mrs. Bell were born ten children, five of whom survive: Lillian, married Dr. B. G. Wilcox, four children, three boys and one girl, lives at Joliet; Robert D., lives at Joliet, married Miss Almira Dirst, and they have a son, Robert; James C., lives at Joliet, married Miss Gwendoline Farrell, daughter of C. S. Farrell, and they have a son, James C., Jr.; Sheldon F., attends the University of Illinois; and Dorothy R., attends Joliet Township High School.

Mr. Bell has always taken an active interest in the Boy Scout movement and was the organizer of a sea scout battery at Joliet. He is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge in its various branches, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias, Sons of St. George, Isaac Walton League, Caladonian and Adventurers Club, of Chicago. He and his family hold membership in the Episcopal Church. The family residence is at 323 Hunter Avenue, Joliet.

Mr. Bell travels extensively and has made several trips to Europe, and has visited almost every country in Asia and northern Africa.

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Herbert N. Gilkerson, of Joliet Township, is among the leading dairy farmers of Will County. He was born in Wilton Township, Dec. 7, 1861, the son of Luther and Mary (Batchelder) Gilkerson.

Luther Gilkerson was born in Vermont and his wife was a native of New Hampshire. Mr. Gilkerson went to California in 1849 and prospected for gold. He remained there about a year and in 1852 he came to Heights Grove, Will County and purchased a farm in Wilton Township. He died in 1869, and is buried in the West Peotone Cemetery. His widow later married J. W. Loose, a Civil War veteran, and a pioneer settler of Will County. She died in 1917 and her husband died soon after. By her first marriage Mrs. Loose had five children, two of whom survive: Herbert N., the subject of this sketch; and Mrs. Dan Blatt, who lives at Elwood, Ill. To Mr. and Mrs. Loose a daughter, Ethel, was born. She died in infancy.

Herbert N. Gilkerson attended the public schools of Monmouth, Ill., and at an early age became interested in farming. He owns 280 acres of land in Peotone Township and is also proprietor of the Gilkerson Dairy Farm in Joliet Township. This dairy farm contains 320 acres of land and has one of the fine herds of cattle in Will County, which numbers 150. Mr. Gilkerson purchased his dairy farm from Frank Baumgartner. It has been improved extensively and is modern through-





HERBERT N. GILKERSON AND FAMILY



out. More than 2500 bottles of milk are handled daily, and Mr. Gilkerson employs six men in its distribution throughout Joliet. From 10 to 12 men are employed on this farm. The dairy business is known as Gilkerson and Sons. Eugene, Merle, Wilbur and Harold are the four sons who are engaged in the business with their father.

Mr. Gilkerson was married Oct. 16, 1889, to Miss Mary Elizabeth Riddle, born in Aurora, Ill., Aug. 2, 1863, the daughter of Robert and Mary Ellen (Frazier) Riddle, both deceased. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gilkerson as follows: 1. Marjorie, born July 6, 1890, married Otto Rathje, lives at Peotone. 2. Eugene, born Feb. 14, 1893, married Miss Olive Thurston, and they have a daughter, Norma Jean. 3. Merle, born June 13, 1898, lives at home. 4. Wilbur, born March 22, 1895, lives at Joliet, married Miss Edith Etheredge, and they have a daughter, Phyllis Ann. 5. Harold, born Dec. 4, 1901, lives at Joliet, married Miss Myrtle Muncey, and they have two children, Irene Elizabeth and Robert Edward. 6. Stanley L., born May 22, 1906, died July 7, 1921.

Mr. Gilkerson is a member of the Central Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and Chamber of Commerce, Joliet. He has always been a Republican.

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**Fred Warning**, a prominent citizen and vice president of the Frankfort State Bank, was born in Warnow, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany, March 17, 1871, the son of Christ and Marie (Lang) Warning.

In the fall of 1881 the Warning family came to the United States from Germany and settled in Mokena, Ill., where Mr. Warning secured employment with the Rock Island Railroad. He later engaged in farming, stock raising and dairying in New Lenox Township, Will County, and met with success. Mr. Warning died in 1911 and his wife died in 1895, and both are buried in St. John's Cemetery, Mokena. They were members of the Evangelical Church. Mr. and Mrs. Christ Warning were the parents of five children: Sophia, married Fred Klott, of Mokena; Christ, a farmer of Frankfort Township, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history; Fred, the subject of this sketch; John, a garage owner, of New Lenox; and George, a farmer, of Mokena.

Fred Warning was employed on various farms in his locality. After his marriage he engaged in farming and dairying on his own account for 16 years. In 1911 he removed to Frankfort where he built and

operated a garage. During 1917-1920 he owned and operated a feed store at Mokena, which he conducted in connection with the garage business. In 1926 Mr. Warning turned his garage interests over to his son, Raymond. In 1913 Mr. Warning was one of the organizers of the Frankfort State Bank, and was elected vice president, in which capacity he is still serving. He is also a director of the bank.

In 1895 Mr. Warning was married to Miss Katherine Kinary. Mrs. Katherine Kinary Warning, wife of Fred Warning, was the daughter of Thomas and Mary Eliza Miller Kinary, was born May 17, 1874, at Pueblo, Colo. The fall of 1874 her parents returned to Mokena, Ill., where she resided until her marriage in 1895. Her father, Thomas Kinary, was born in New York City where Central Park now stands in 1838, coming to Illinois in 1858 with the Arch Allertons and located on Allerton farm until 1862, when he enlisted in the Civil War and served three years for his country. After the war he came back to Mokena and became manager of the 2,200 acre farm of Arch Allerton until 1880, when he moved to the village of Mokena and lived until the death of his wife, March 5, 1909, going to live with his daughters, Mrs. Fred Warning and Ida Kinary Hansen. He died May 31, 1921.

Mrs. Mary Eliza Miller Kinary was born at Ulster County, New York, Jan. 8, 1853, being the daughter of Henry Jackson and Ann Hare Miller. Mrs. Warning's parents and grandparents are full fledged Americans where she has the historical records of her parents for five generations. Her grandchildren can recall the seventh generation.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Warning have two children, a son, Raymond Frederick, who conducts a garage at Frankfort, Ill., and a daughter, Fern Marie, now Mrs. Fred Hunter of Warsaw, Ind. Four grandsons, Bobby Hunter of Warsaw, Ind., and Stanley Virgil; Glenn and Raymond Wendell Oliver Warning, of Frankfort, Ill., and one granddaughter, Joyce Eileen Hunter, of Warsaw, Ind.

Raymond Frederick Warning's fraternal affiliations are with Mount Joliet Lodge, A. F. and A. M. No. 42; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. No. 27; Joliet Council, R. & S. M. No. 82; and Joliet Commandery, K. T. No. 4.

Mr. Warning is a Republican and has extensive and prominent fraternal affiliations. He is a member of the Mount Joliet Lodge, A. F. and A. M. No. 42; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. No. 42; Joliet Council, R. & S. M. No. 82; Joliet Commandery, K. T. No. 4; Medinah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. of Chicago, Ill.; and is a charter member of the Modern Woodmen of America. Mrs. Warning is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and also a member of several fraternal orders.

**Ben. D. Jones**, president of the Manhattan State Bank, Manhattan, Ill., who was born on Oct. 7, 1865, is the youngest of the eight children of Robert Jones and Eleanor (Cooper) Jones, former old residents of Wilton Township, Will County, Ill., whose biographical sketch is found elsewhere in this publication.

Robert Jones in 1855 purchased 80 acres of raw prairie land in the northwest quarter of section 26, Wilton Township, which he improved for a homestead, where several of his children, including the subject of this sketch, were born. Several years later he purchased 160 acres in sections 22 and 23 in the same township, to which he moved his family in the spring of 1866, and where they resided until 1886, when he rented his farm and moved to the Village of Poetone.

Ben. D. Jones attended the country school at what was called the Lamphers School house and later he attended Jennings Seminary at Aurora, Ill., and also Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill. He taught school during the years of 1887, 1888 and 1889. In the summer of 1889 he was employed by William C. Barber, since mayor of Joliet, in his office abstracting titles to real estate; later he assisted in the compiling a set of indexes to all the lawsuits held in the county of Will affecting the titles to real estate, for the Will County Abstract Company, a new company being formed. Later he became its manager, and resigned his position with this company in 1895 and formed a co-partnership with his brother, Frank R. Jones, and a brother-in-law, John C. Baker, under the name and style of Baker Jones & Company, doing business in grain and coal at Manhattan, Ill., and also organized the Manhattan Bank, of which the subject became the vice-president, and later president upon the death of John C. Baker and the reorganization of the bank under state supervision.

He has always been a member of the Republican party, and for many years was a member of the County Central Committee, acting as vice-chairman for four years. In 1918 he was elected county treasurer of Will County on the Republican ticket, and acted as such until December, 1922. While serving as such treasurer he formulated a system for collecting taxes by the county treasurer, which was later enacted into law by the Illinois Legislature for the collection of all taxes.

Ben. D. Jones was united in marriage at Joliet, Ill., on June 22, 1892, to Elletta L. Gannett, a daughter of Captain Isaac Gannett, aid to Gen. Mitchell, a Civil War general, and Mary A. (Hall) Gannett, residents of Chicago, Ill. To this union three children were born: Robert G., a locomotive fireman of Decatur, Ill., born in Joliet, Ill., Feb. 27, 1895, and

married Ella Tyrrell, Nov. 17, 1915, and whose three children are named Elletta, Helen and Rachel; Marion Elletta Jones, born in Manhattan, Ill., Feb. 6, 1897, and married Henry Wesley Sippel, Sept. 15, 1923, and whose only child is named Richard; Ben. D. Jones, Jr., born at Manhattan, Ill., Dec. 25, 1902, is an electrical engineer. He is unmarried.

Mrs. Elletta Gannett Jones was born on Ann Street, Chicago, Ill., March 30, 1869, and died at Manhattan, Ill., Sept. 15, 1905, and is buried in Manhattan Cemetery. Ben. D. Jones was married again, at Manhattan, Ill., on Oct. 23, 1907, to Eleanor M. Mackender, daughter of George Mackender and Carrie (Peterson) Mackender, old residents of Wilton Township, Will County, Ill., who was born at Clay Center, Kans., Sept. 13, 1885. To this union were born, at Manhattan, Ill., three sons: E. Stanley Jones, Sept. 11, 1908; Paul Edward Jones, Sept. 25, 1911, and Lloyd Wesley Jones, Oct. 22, 1913.

Ben. D. Jones and family are affiliated with the Methodist Church, and he is a member of the Masonic Lodge, Joliet Commandery No. 4, K. T., and the A. A. O. N. M. Shrine, Medinah Temple, Chicago, Ill.

He and family now reside on a 160 acre farm in section 16, Manhattan Township, which he purchased and upon which he moved the spring of 1918, which he operates together with 240 acres in Wilton Township, owned jointly with his brother Frank R. Jones.

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**William J. Themer** is well known among the reliable and substantial citizens of Crete Township, where he is the owner of 290 acres of land. He was born at Dalton, Cook County, Ill., April 10, 1861, the son of Joachem and Dorothy (Harret) Themer.

Joachem Themer, deceased, was a native of Germany. He was born in 1828 and died in 1919. He and his wife were early settlers of Chicago and later lived at Dalton, Ill. They came to Will County about 1868 and settled on a farm of 120 acres in Crete Township. Both are buried in Beaver Grove Lutheran Cemetery. To Mr. and Mrs. Themer were born six children, of whom William J., the subject of this sketch, was the youngest.

William J. Themer was seven years old when his parents came to Crete Township. He obtained his education in the district schools and was associated with his father in general farming until about 30 years ago, at which time he purchased his fathers' farm. He has since added to his holdings and is now the owner of one of the finest farms in

the township. Mr. Themer rents practically his entire farm, but retains a portion upon which is located his home.

In February, 1882, Mr. Themer was united in marriage with Miss Magdalena Hilgert, of Chicago. She died in 1917 and is buried in the Lutheran cemetery at Crete. To Mr. and Mrs. Themer were born six children, as follows: Hugo, lives at Kankakee, Ill.; Olinda, died in infancy; Alice, died at the age of 13 years; William C., lives in Crete Township, married Miss Melinda Boicken; Arthur, died at the age of 18 years; and Magdalene, married Robert Higdon, lives at Detroit, Mich.

Mr. Themer is a Republican and holds membership in the Lutheran Church. Until his recent retirement he was an active member of the Will County Farm Bureau.

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Royal L. Watson, M. D.—A career replete with achievement has been that of Dr. Royal L. Watson, one of the most prominent physicians in Will County. Dr. Watson has served the United States as a first lieutenant in the Medical Corps of the army during the World War, and he is a leading member of the medical fraternities of the state, county, and city. Dr. Watson was born in Joliet, April 9, 1880, a son of Joseph L. and Caroline M. (Watson) Watson.

Joseph L. Watson was born in Center Hall, Center County, Pa. He was reared on his father's farm and was taking a pre-medicine course at the Center Hall Pre-Medic College when the Civil War broke out. He enlisted at once in Company E, 5th Pennsylvania Infantry, and was made sergeant. During the battle of Antietam he was wounded. He lay on the field all night and the next day was captured by the southern troops and sent to Libby Prison, where he was later exchanged and returned to the Union army. He was promoted to captain and had charge of the supply trains at Gettysburg. He served throughout the entire war and was honorably discharged. After the war he came to Joliet to recuperate and became a guard at the Illinois State Penitentiary, where he remained about two years. He then returned east and worked on his father's farm. He was married in the meantime. After two years he returned to Joliet and again became a guard at the penitentiary, where he remained in that capacity for 35 years. He died April 9, 1905. His wife, who was born at Blair Station, Blair County, Pa., died in 1912. They are both buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Joliet. Mr. Watson was a Republican and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. They were members of the Central Presbyterian Church. To

Joseph L. and Caroline (Watson) Watson six children were born: Belle, lives at Joliet; William, Joliet; Robert Lewis, deceased. He was superintendent of construction at the Clairton furnaces at Clairton, Pa., for the U. S. Steel Corporation. He was killed by an explosion at the furnaces in 1905, and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Joliet; Ralph, Gary, Ill.; Bessie Elizabeth, married Claude Emory, resides at Des Moines, Ia.; and Royal L., the subject of this sketch.

Dr. Watson's early education was obtained in the public schools of Joliet and Joliet Township High School from which he graduated in 1899. He attended the University of Michigan Medical School for two years. He then entered the Rush Medical School of the University of Chicago, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1904. He first established offices at Florid, Putnam County, Ill., where he remained for seven years. He came to Joliet in June, 1911, and has since practiced his profession continuously and has achieved a notable success as a physician and surgeon. Dr. Watson has also taken post graduate work at many leading medical schools.

During the World War he served on the draft board as medical examiner, and in August, 1918, volunteered for service in the U. S. army and was called to service the latter part of September, 1918. He was commissioned a first lieutenant in the U. S. Medical Reserve Corps and was sent to Fort Riley, Kansas, for instructions, and was ordered overseas. The armistice being signed shortly afterwards he was discharged and returned to Joliet on Dec. 8, 1918.

On Oct. 18, 1905, Dr. Watson was married to Miss Clara Case, a daughter of Edward and Belle (Randall) Case. Mr. Case is deceased and Mrs. Case resides with her daughter, Mrs. Watson, in Joliet. Doctor and Mrs. Watson have two daughters: Marjorie Bell, a student at the University of Illinois; and Betty May, attends Joliet Township High School. The family are members of the Central Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Watson is a member of the American Medical Association; member of the Medical Society of the State of Illinois; and the Will County Medical Society. He is a member of the staff of Silver Cross Hospital and is on the advisory committee and also of St. Joseph's Hospital. He belongs to Harwood Post, No. 5, American Legion, being post physician to Matteson Lodge, A. F. and A. M. No. 175; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. No. 27; Joliet Commandery, K. T. No. 4; Oriental Consistory, A. A. S. R. thirty-second degree; Medinah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Joliet Shrine Club; Joliet Country Club; and is a life member of the Joliet Chamber of Commerce.



**I. J. Clark**, retired, is a prominent pioneer citizen of Will County and a veteran of the Civil War. He was born in Clermont County, Ohio, Jan. 8, 1846, the son of John and Jemima (Sapp) Clark.

John Clark, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He served in Company E, Eighth Iowa Cavalry, with the rank of sergeant. He was born in Clermont County, Ohio, and settled in Iowa in 1851, where he engaged in general farming and stock raising. During the Civil War he served as a member of Company E, Eighth Iowa Cavalry. He was a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic. He died in 1876 and his wife, a native of Kentucky, died in 1862. They are buried in Lee County, Iowa. To Mr. and Mrs. Clark were born five children: I. J., the subject of this sketch; Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of Andrew Merritt, who lives in California; John, deceased; Mary, the widow of Henry Barnse, lives in Kansas; and Rev. Edmond, a minister of the Baptist Church, lives in Colorado.

I. J. Clark spent his boyhood on his father's farm in Iowa and attended school in a log cabin, walking two and one-quarter miles. The furniture of the school consisted of plain benches with no backs, made of rough slabs. He improved the land owned by his father and remembers driving five yoke of oxen breaking prairie when he was only nine years old. In places clumps of hazel brush were from one-half to an acre in size and frequently he would find a couple of rattlesnakes in these places. Mr. Clark remained in Iowa until March, 1896, at which time he came to Will County and purchased a farm of 177 acres in Custer Township. He became an extensive grain farmer and was a successful stockman. Mr. Clark has lived retired at Custer Park for 14 years.

During the Civil War Mr. Clark volunteered for service and served as a member of Company E, Eighth Iowa Cavalry, his company being Sherman's bodyguard. Mr. Clark was taken prisoner and held in the Andersonville prison. He was discharged from Macon, Ga., in August, 1865.

Mr. Clark was married on April 28, 1868, to Miss Charlotte Clark, of LaSalle County, Ill., the daughter of David L. and Deborah (Garbet) Clark, natives of Ohio, and the parents of the following children: Charlotte Clark; Amelia, deceased, was the wife of Edward Clark; Charles, deceased, was postmaster of Utica, Ill., for 16 years; and Marietta, married Benjamin Hadley, both deceased. Mr. David Clark died in 1888 and his wife died in 1895. They are buried at Utica, Ill. To Mr.

and Mrs. I. J. Clark were born eight children, as follows: Nellie, born in LaSalle County, married William McCormick, deceased, and they had two children, Charlotte and Mildred; LaVancha, died at the age of five years; Mary, married Frank Baird, both deceased; John, died in infancy; Luella, married George Griffin, lives at Joliet; M. J., married Florence Connor, lives at Lemont, Ill.; Charles, married Nellie Traynor, lives near Wilmington; and H. R., farmer, married Mabel Traynor, lives in Custer Township, Will County.

Politically, Mr. Clark is a Republican. He is a member of the Community Church and is recording steward in the Methodist Episcopal and United Brethren Churches. He is also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

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John E. Chalstrom is a representative business man of Joliet, being president and treasurer of The Joliet Wall Paper Mills, Inc. He was born in the State of Kalmar, Sweden, March 21, 1864, the son of Carl and Hannah (Nelson) Chalstrom.

Carl Chalstrom, who spent his entire life in Sweden, is now deceased. He was a farmer. He was active in politics in his community and a life long member of the Swedish Lutheran Church. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Chalstrom: John E., the subject of this sketch; Charles, deceased, buried in Joliet; Anna, deceased; Frank A., a farmer, in Sweden; Victor, deceased; Oscar, lives in Sweden; Gustave, deceased; Adele, married Carl Carlson, retired banker and manufacturer, lives in Sweden; Hannah, married Carl Nelson, resides in Chicago, Ill.; Robert, a World War veteran; and Martin, deceased.

John E. Chalstrom attended the schools of his native land and spent his boyhood on his father's farm. He came to the United States in 1884 and stopped in Chicago, where he worked at the carpenter's trade for a few weeks. During that year he removed to Homer Township, Will County, where he was employed on the farm of Harmon Frazier until 1889, when he removed to Joliet. He was then employed in the machine shops of the Illinois Steel Company for seven months at which time he was promoted to assistant engineer in the blast furnaces which position he held for one year. In 1901 he worked at the carpenter's trade and the following year engaged in the general contracting and building business. He erected a great number of apartment buildings and residences and was also the builder of the Swedish Methodist



*J. E. Chalstrom*



church and parsonage. He drew his own plans and carried on his own business without the assistance of an architect. The results of his work proved his success as a designer, builder and real estate dealer. As a side line he also owned and operated a dairy business, which was also profitable. It may also be said that during the time he engaged in the building and real estate business he assisted many families to become home-owners.

In 1914 in partnership with a few men of Joliet Mr. Chalstrom organized The Joliet Wall Paper Mills which was incorporated during that year. He took no active part in the running of the business until the end of the second year at which time he was elected president and given full charge of the business. During the years of 1917 and 1918 Mr. Chalstrom acquired very nearly all outstanding stock and ever since has served as president and treasurer of the institution.

He is also vice president and director of the Chicago National Life Insurance Co. He is president and one of the largest stockholders of The United States General Agency Company of Chicago, which is the holding company of the Chicago National Life Insurance Company.

Mr. Chalstrom was one of the organizers of the Eagle Paper Company of Joliet, of which he served as president for one year, during which time he constructed the building of the Eagle Paper Company, but at the end of the first year sold his interest in the concern.

Mr. Chalstrom was married to Miss Ida M. Nelson, who passed away in 1902 and was buried in Joliet. To this union were born four children: Florence E., vice president of The Joliet Wall Paper Mills; Alice D., married Victor F. Wilson and resides in Chicago; Myrtle C., city school nurse; Clare E., travelling representative of The Joliet Wall Paper Mills, also local agent of the Chicago National Life Insurance Company.

Mr. Chalstrom later married Miss Amanda C. Peterson, of Chicago and they are the parents of: Gilbert E., who attends and now a senior student of the University of Illinois; Raymond, deceased; Phyllis Louise, a student.

Mr. Chalstrom was one of the founders of The First Swedish Methodist Church and served as president of the board of trustees, class leader, also recording steward until 1910 when he and his family joined the Ottawa Street Methodist Church of Joliet, Ill., where he for many years has been and is now serving as vice president of the board of trustees, also member of finance committee. He is a firm believer in Christianity to which he attributes his success in life. He is widely known

for his charitable works. His motto is "Be sure you are right, then go ahead." This advice he has given to hundreds of young men.

Mr. Chalstrom is not a lodge man, but is affiliated with the following institutions: The Country Club, Chamber of Commerce of Joliet, Illinois Chamber of Commerce, United States Chamber of Commerce, and the Manufacturers Association of Illinois, also serving as a member of the City Zoning Commission of Joliet. He is one of the original board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. of Joliet and was a member of the committee which solicited funds for the erection of the organization's new \$550,000.00 home. His personal contribution amounted to \$4,000.00.

Mr. Chalstrom is a Republican and true American citizen.

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**The Joliet Wall Paper Mills, Inc.**, one of the leading manufacturing concerns of Will County, has had a remarkable growth during its comparatively short existence. It was incorporated in 1914 for \$30,000.00. Capital increased in 1915 to \$60,000.00. In 1916, was reorganized with a capital stock of \$125,000.00. The original officers of the company were as follows: Charles S. Nowell, president; Edward C. Hintz, secretary; Albert Metzelsburg, treasurer; Thomas F. Flynn, superintendent.

Since May 15, 1916, the officers have been: John E. Chalstrom, president and treasurer; F. E. Chalstrom, vice president; Edward C. Hintz, secretary.

Business during the first year amounted to \$58,800.00. In 1927 the total volume of business amounted to more than \$750,000.00.

The company manufactures approximately 14 million rolls of wall paper annually with the nine machines in operation at the present time. Five additional machines will complete the plant's equipment during 1928. The entire mill is equipped with automatic rolling machines and has two heating plants, each with a capacity of 60,000 cubic feet of hot air per minute, which are used for drying purposes. Water is supplied from a 750 foot well, with a supply tank, having a capacity of 15 thousand (15,000) gallons, elevated on a brick tower 80 feet high.

About 150 men are employed in the mills and 18 travelling representatives throughout the United States and Canada. Recreation rooms are maintained for the employees as well as a swimming pool and showers. The pool is 22x72 feet in size, 6 feet deep, and contains 60,000 gallons of water, heated by steam.

The Joliet Wall Paper Mills, Inc., occupies a tract of four acres. The building is 240x550, a large part being two stories, and has 250,000

square feet floor space. The plant, with the exception of the first unit, was designed by Mr. Chalstrom, who owns the controlling interest in the business. Reconstruction work in 1928 will place the value of the company's investment at one million dollars, and will make it one of the most up to date factories of its kind in the United States.

Among the oldest men in point of service in the company's employ may be mentioned Edward C. Hintz, secretary and office manager, and Ben Evans, chief color mixer, both of whom have been with the firm since its inception. J. R. McDade, master mechanic, and Charles Peterson, millwright, have been in the employ of Mr. Chalstrom for 35 years. Frederick C. Hanfeld, factory superintendent and colorist, has been with the firm since 1920. It may be stated that harmony prevails at all times and labor troubles are practically unknown.

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**Martin Bergan**, retired, is a representative citizen of Will County and a member of the first family that settled at Manhattan. He was born on a farm in Manhattan Township, the son of Martin and Esther (Walsh) Bergan.

Martin Bergan was born in Ireland as was his wife. After their marriage they emigrated to the United States and settled at Manhattan in 1846. Mr. Bergan became a prosperous farmer and was widely known throughout Will County. He died in 1890 and his wife died in 1894. They are buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Manhattan. Mr. and Mrs. Bergan had nine children, of whom Martin, the subject of this sketch, is the only surviving member.

Martin Bergan grew up on his father's farm and received his education in the district schools. At the age of 26 years he came to Manhattan and entered the employ of George Zinger, hardware merchant. Ten years later, in 1900, Mr. Bergan went into business for himself in partnership with his brother, Daniel. They conducted the business successfully for about 20 years and then disposed of it to Mr. Schroeder. The store was completely destroyed by fire in 1905 and again in 1917 was damaged by wind. Mr. Bergan has lived retired since 1919.

In 1892 Mr. Bergan married Miss Catherine Cunningham, a sister of M. J. Cunningham, who is a teacher in the public schools of Joliet. To them were born three children: Edith, married J. W. O'Connor, lives in Chicago, and they have three children, Mary Margaret, Bernice and Edith Marie; Daniel, who died in 1918 at the age of 19 years; and Irene,

a teacher in the Joliet schools. She is a graduate of St. Francis School, Joliet, and the Illinois State Normal School.

Mr. Bergan has always been a Democrat. He has served as assessor of Manhattan Township since 1922 and served as a member of the village board of Manhattan 22 years. He also was postmaster of Manhattan under President Cleveland. He is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and belongs to the Catholic Order of Foresters.

Mr. Bergan has been a stockholder of the First National Bank of Manhattan since the date of its organization.

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Fred C. Wietting, who is superintendent of the Will County Farm in Troy Township, is one of the leading citizens of the community. He was born in Frankfort Township, Will County, Jan. 20, 1877, the son of Carl and Sophia (Ahearns) Wietting.

Carl Wietting was born in Germany in 1855 and his wife was born there in 1854. They came to this country many years ago and settled at Mokena, Ill., where Mr. Wietting engaged in general farming and stock raising. He spent the latter part of his life in Joliet and died there in August, 1912. His wife died in 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Wietting were the parents of the following children: Minnie, married Joseph Krohn, lives in Joliet Township; Charles, lives in Joliet Township; Bertha, married Fred Strohmman, lives in Joliet Township; Fred C., the subject of this sketch; Sophia and John, both deceased.

Fred C. Wietting obtained his education in the district schools of Frankfort Township and completed his schooling at Joliet. He followed farming in Joliet Township for many years, and spent 27 years as a tenant on the farm of William Heise. His son now operates that farm. Mr. Wietting was appointed superintendent of Will County Farm in 1923 and has been most capable in the administration of his office. The farm has been entirely self supporting during the past five years. It comprises 160 acres of well improved land and has 83 inmates. The farm is conducted on a most profitable basis. As an example of this may be cited the \$3,000 sale of hogs in 1927.

On Feb. 25, 1897, Mr. Wietting was united in marriage with Miss Gertrude Koehler, who was born in Germany, the daughter of Carl and Clara Koehler, residents of Kansas City, Mo. Mrs. Wietting was eight years of age when her parents came to the United States. To Mr. and Mrs. Wietting the following children were born: Mabel, lives at home;



Sarah, the widow of Carl Schewe, lives at home; George J., lives in Joliet, married Miss Elda Bruggeman, of Manhattan, Ill.; Rosina and Nelsina, twins. They married brothers, Rosina being the wife of Henry Mietz, of Joliet, and Nelsina being the wife of Albert Mietz, of Joliet.

Politically Mr. Wietting is identified with the Republican party. He is a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Joliet, of which he is deacon, and a member of the Board of Finance. He has been school trustee of Joliet Township for the past 14 years.

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**Fred B. Rohe.**—Numbered among the responsible men of Will County is Fred B. Rohe, mayor of Crete. He was born here, Aug. 20, 1874.

Fred B. Rohe obtained his education in the schools of Crete and spent much of his boyhood on a farm. At the age of 18 years he entered the employ of the Steger Piano Company, and after about a year went to Chicago Heights, where he was employed for two years. He then became interested in general farming and stock raising, which he successfully followed until 1907. He then engaged in the real estate and insurance business. He has recently opened an attractive subdivision on the Dixie Highway, where he has built many fine residences. Mr. Rohe has been mayor of Crete since 1923 and has always been prominently identified with the civic life of the community. When 24 years of age he was elected village clerk, and he has since served as village trustee, justice of the peace, county supervisor, and president of the board of trustees. He was among the first men to become interested in the Dixie Highway through this section of the county and was president of the Dixie Highway Association for Will County. He was also influential in obtaining the Lincoln Highway through Joliet.

On July 2, 1898, Mr. Rohe was united in marriage with Miss Sophia Steege, of Crete, the daughter of Fred and Caroline (Saller) Steege. Mr. Steege, who lives retired at Crete, was well known in this community for more than half a century as a tailor. To Mr. and Mrs. Rohe were born two children: Otto F., born Aug. 9, 1900, attended Chicago Heights High School and the University of Michigan, is cashier of the Bank of Crete married Miss Lorine Behrens, and they have a daughter, Marilyn; and Estelle Sophie, born Sept. 30, 1902, was a teacher before her marriage to Paul J. Monahan, of Crete. He is also connected with the Bank of Crete.

Mr. Rohe is vice president of the Bank of Crete and is also identified with the Calumet Bond & Mortgage Company, of Hammond, Ind. He is

a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and belongs to the National Real Estate Association and Chicago Heights Real Estate Board, and National Association of Insurance Agents. He has always been a Republican and is a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Crete. During the World War he was one of the "Four Minute" speakers of Will County and chairman of the board.

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**Andrew Gregg Watson**, who is identified with the Butler Products Company, is among the highly successful building contractors of Joliet, where he has engaged in business since 1886. He was born at Center Hall, Pa., Oct. 4, 1854, the son of James B. and Elizabeth (Hess) Watson.

Andrew Gregg Watson was reared by an aunt, his parents having died when he was a small boy. He spent his early life in Blair County, Pa., and attended the district schools. About 1870 he removed to Hollidaysburg, Pa., where he remained for many years. In 1886 he located in Joliet and soon became interested in building contracting. In 1907 he established the Butler Products Company, builders of concrete blocks, etc. Mr. Watson has specialized in residential work and has also had contracts for the erection of most of the schools and churches in this section.

Mr. Watson was married on Jan. 12, 1881, to Miss Kittie W. Thornton, of Joliet. They have a daughter, Esther W. Hoefler, of Aurora, Ill. Her husband is identified with the Aurora Beacon and they have two sons, Charles and Warren Watson Hoefler.

Mr. Watson is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Sons of Veterans.

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**Edward C. Hinz**, proprietor of the Hinz Baking Company, is among the enterprising and successful young business men of Joliet. He was born in this city, Dec. 12, 1892, the son of Charles F. and Ida (Schultz) Hinz.

Charles F. Hinz, who lives retired in Joliet, is a native of Germany. Throughout his active business career he was interested in the brewing business in this city. His wife, also born in Germany, died in 1920. She is buried in St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery. To Mr. and Mrs. Hinz were born five children: William, lives in Joliet; Edward C., the subject of

this sketch; Anna, lives in Joliet; Charles F., lives in Joliet; and Alma, who died at the age of nine years.

Edward C. Hinz attended the parochial schools of Joliet and completed a course at the Metropolitan Business College. He also attended Concordia Teachers College at Addison, Ill., and completed a normal school course. He taught in the parochial school of Lemont, Ill., and served as principal of St. Matthew's Lutheran School, Lemont, Ill., for 13 years. Due to ill health Mr. Hinz resigned his position in 1923. He has since been interested in the bakery business in Joliet.

On Aug. 15, 1925, Mr. Hinz married Miss Mabel I. Hogrefe, of Lemont, the daughter of Charles and Emma (Schmidt) Hogrefe. The former is deceased and the latter lives at Lemont. Mr. and Mrs. Hinz have a son, Edward C., Jr., born May 26, 1926.

Mr. Hinz is a Republican and active in local politics. He is a member of St. Peters' Lutheran Church and is prominent in church activities, being well known throughout the city as an accomplished musician, lecturer and speaker.

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William Kellsner is a well known business man of Joliet, where he is a florist and manager and one of the owners of the Chicago Carnation Company. He was born in the southern part of Sweden, Nov. 24, 1879. He attended the public schools there and at the age of 15 years went to work in a greenhouse. When he was 21 years of age he went to London, England, and worked in a greenhouse for about two years. From London he came direct to Chicago, Ill., where he worked in greenhouses, and in 1903 came to Joliet and secured employment with the Thompson Carnation Company, where he remained one year. He worked in Danville, Ill., one year, and Tilton, Ill., for three years, after which he returned to Joliet to take charge of the present plant.

The Chicago Carnation Company has one of the largest greenhouses in Will County and state, with 150,000 square feet of glass covering five acres, and have 16 acres in all. It was incorporated in 1917 as the Chicago Carnation Company, William Kellsner manager. Their retail store is located at 407 Jefferson Street, Joliet. The plant employs 15 men, and there are six employes at the down town store. The greenhouse has over 30,000 rose plants, which is the principal product; 20,000 carnation plants; 15,000 chrysanthemum plants; calla lilies, 2,100; Easter lilies, bulbs, imported from Japan; about 1,500 ferns of various kinds,

10,000 bedding plants for spring, and all other plants in a first class greenhouse plant. The greenhouses are located on the Michigan Central tracks, Route No. 5 State Highway, about two and one-half miles east of Joliet. The company has a large wholesale and retail trade in Joliet and the Chicago markets.

In 1911 Mr. Kellsner was married to Miss Hilda Ryden of Sweden, and they have a daughter, Agnes, a sophomore in Joliet Township High School.

Mr. Kellsner is a Republican in politics and a member of the Joliet Lutheran Bethlehem Church, the Svithoth Club, and the John Erickson Club, Joliet Flower and Garden Club. Mr. Kellsner has spent nearly all his time as a florist and horticulturist.

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Archibald C. Jeffrey, resident manager of the Lincoln Jockey Club, is a representative citizen of Joliet. He has also been prominently identified with politics in Will County, having served as county treasurer, and mayor of Joliet. He was born at Braidwood, Ill., Feb. 2, 1874, the son of Joseph and Jane (Craig) Jeffrey.

Both Joseph Jeffrey and his wife were natives of Scotland. The former was born in 1848 and the latter in 1846. About 1873 they came to the United States and located at Braidwood in Will County, where Mr. Jeffrey was employed in the coal mines. He died in 1885 and his widow died in 1926. They are buried in Braidwood Cemetery. To Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey were born six children: Joseph, died at the age of 19 years; William, died at the age of 31 years; Archibald C., the subject of this sketch; Jane, unmarried, lives at Joliet; James, lives at Joliet; and John, who is employed in the county treasurer's office.

Archibald C. Jeffrey obtained his education in the public schools of Braidwood and also attended night school. He began his business career as a grocer's clerk and later engaged in the grocery business at Braidwood, which he successfully conducted until 1914. He filled the office of County Treasurer of Will County from 1914 until 1918 and was then made deputy treasurer. He was appointed mayor of Joliet to fill the unexpired term of Mayor Thomas V. Gorey. He later went to Chicago as chief office deputy of the internal revenue office. In 1925 he was appointed residence manager of the Lincoln Fields Jockey Club, which is located in Crete Township. It is among the finest clubs of its type



ARCHIBALD C. JEFFREY



in the United States and was built at a cost of two and one-half million dollars.

On Jan. 30, 1900, Mr. Jeffrey was united in marriage with Miss Caroline Melcher, of Braidwood, the daughter of Matthew and Mary Melcher. Mr. Melcher is deceased. His widow lives at Joliet. To Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey were born three children: Archibald C., Jr., born Dec. 2, 1901, a graduate of Joliet Township High School, now in the employ of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railroad; Gertrude, a graduate of the National Kindergarten School, Chicago, now a teacher in the public schools of Joliet; and Joseph, born Oct. 22, 1905, a graduate of Joliet Township High School. He attends the University of Illinois.

Mr. Jeffrey is a member of the Presbyterian Church and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, 32nd degree, Knights of Pythias, Elks Lodge, Eagle's Lodge, and Loyal Order of Moose. He has served as supervisor of Braidwood for four years and for many years had been president of the school board.

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**William Plagge.**—Prominently identified with the financial interests of Will County is William Plagge, who is president of the Monee State Bank, vice president of the First State Bank of Beecher, and cashier of the First National Bank of Harvey. He was born at Manhattan, Will County, Jan. 1, 1862, the son of Charles and Mary (Claussen) Plagge.

Both Charles Plagge and his wife were natives of Germany and early settlers of Will County, having located here in 1860. Mr. Plagge purchased a grain elevator at Monee and also conducted a general mercantile business at this place until 1902, at which time he retired. He died Aug. 23, 1921, at the age of 85 years. His widow lives at Harvey, Ill. Mr. Plagge was among the influential business men of Will County and was the first mayor of Monee. There were ten children in the Plagge family, six of whom survive.

The education of William Plagge was obtained in the public schools of Monee. Early in life he was associated with his father's mercantile business in this city, but many years ago became interested in banking. In 1907 he was appointed cashier of the First National Bank of Harvey. He has been connected with the Monee State Bank as president since its organization and has also been vice president of the First State Bank of Beecher since its inception.

On Nov. 30, 1890, Mr. Plagge married Miss Lena Koepke, of Monee. They have three children: Elmer, lives in Chicago; Luella, married

Emery C. Woeltje, lives at Monee, and they have a son, Wayne; and Norma, married Walter Hoffman, lives in Chicago, and they have a daughter, Vivian.

Mr. Plagge is a Republican and a member of the Evangelical Church. He has held the office of school treasurer of Monee Township continuously since 1885.

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**Theodore Robert Gerlach**, merchant, manufacturer and banker, was born at Mount Vernon, Indiana, February 17, 1867, son of August and Mary (Goth) Gerlach, and grandson of Henry Gerlach, a mason contractor, who came from Muhlhausen, Germany, about 1866, and retired soon after reaching America.

Both August and Mary (Goth) Gerlach, father and mother of Theodore Robert Gerlach, were natives of Germany and early settlers of Indiana. At the age of 20 years August Gerlach emigrated to the United States. He studied for the ministry and was a pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church from 1856 and until his death in 1896. His wife died in 1917. Both are buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Chicago. There were ten children in the Gerlach family as follows: Elizabeth, died at the age of three years; Charley and William, twins, deceased in infancy; August E., lives at Commonwealth Hotel, Chicago; Theodore Robert, the subject of this sketch; Louis, deceased; Kingsley Henry, lives at Babson Park, Florida; Lydia E., lives at Louis Joliet Hotel, Joliet; Emma, deceased; and Clara, married Victor S. Rice, lives at 9054 South Robey Street, Chicago.

Theodore Robert Gerlach, subject of this sketch, received his education in the public schools of Cincinnati, Columbus and Bucyrus, Ohio, and Marine City, Mich. He began his business career in 1883 as a clerk in a tea store at Detroit, Mich., and was subsequently employed as a clerk in a grocery store in Chicago. In 1887 he established himself as an independent tea and grocery merchant at Joliet, Ill. He was a book and calendar salesman during the years 1892-1907 and in the latter year organized at Joliet, Ill., The Gerlach-Barklow Co., makers of art calendars and directors of sales campaigns.

The Gerlach-Barklow Company has grown from a small beginning into the largest organization of its kind in existence, employing 800 persons, and devoted to the manufacture and sale of art calendars, direct-



by-mail advertising, business greetings, leather utilities, etc. The company is capitalized at \$2,500,000.00, and its plant occupies 330,000 square feet of floor space. Mr. Gerlach was vice president of the company from its organization and until 1919, when he purchased the interests of its president and two others of the original and larger stockholders, and became president, which office he still holds.

Control of The P. F. Volland Co., Chicago, now of Joliet, was acquired by The Gerlach-Barklow Co. in 1924. The P. F. Volland Co. is one of the most successful manufacturers of children's books, gift books, greeting cards and framed mottoes, and employs 500 workers. Mr. Gerlach was made president of this company when it was acquired in 1924 and still holds that office.

Mr. Gerlach is also a director of The Ferndon Manufacturing Co., Aurora, Ill., manufacturers of advertising signs; vice president and general manager of The Joliet Wrought Washer Co., Joliet, Ill.; president of The Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Joliet, Ill.—and has long been prominent in the work of the International Advertising Association, having served for thirteen years as a member of its advertising commission for the United States, a member of the executive committee in 1916 and since 1922 a member of its joint assembly. He was president of the Advertising Specialty Association of Chicago in 1918-1919, and is still on their board of directors, and for the past ten years has been a director of the Illinois Manufacturers Association. He is a past president of the Joliet Chamber of Commerce, is a director in the Association of Arts and Industries of Chicago, a lay member of the Painters and Sculptors Gallery Association, Grand Central Art Galleries, New York City, a trustee of Silver Cross Hospital of Joliet, and a director of the Joliet Country Club, of which he was president in 1919 and 1920.

Mr. Gerlach was married December 25, 1889, to Miss Charlotte D. Hill (deceased September 18, 1925), daughter of Charles A. and Lydia M. (Wood) Hill, the former a native of New York and the latter of Will County, Illinois. Mr. Hill was a lawyer, an assistant attorney general of Illinois and a member of Congress. He died May 29, 1902, and his wife died January 7, 1912.

Mr. Gerlach is a member of the Universalist Church and belongs to the Union League Club, Chicago, The Joliet Chamber of Commerce, The Joliet Country Club and The Isaac Walton League. He has always been a Republican, and finds his chief recreation in fishing and hunting.

**Eugene C. Huston**, who lives retired at Braidwood, is a representative citizen of that community, and a member of a family that has long been identified with the history of Will County. He was born at Braidwood, Feb. 1, 1876, the son of Robert and Emma (Blanchard) Huston.

Robert Huston, deceased, was a prominent pioneer of Braidwood, where he located shortly after the close of the Civil War. He engaged in the dry goods business at this place for many years and ranked among the dependable and successful merchants of Will County. He served as postmaster, alderman, and sheriff of Will County, and throughout his life maintained an active interest in local politics. He was a Republican. Mr. Huston was a member of the Baptist Church, and belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He died Dec. 5, 1894, and his wife died Aug. 18, 1921. Both are buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Joliet. They had four children: Maude, married Oscar Brazelton, lives in Texas; Eugene C., the subject of this sketch; William, deceased; and Jessie, actress, married Fred Palmer, lives in New York City.

Eugene C. Huston attended the public schools of Joliet and began life as a clerk in the employ of a Joliet railroad office. He has traveled extensively and is well known as a contributor to newspapers and magazines. Mr. Huston lives at Braidwood in the old Huston family homestead, which is one of the interesting landmarks of Will County.

Mr. Huston is a veteran of the Spanish-American War, having enlisted in Company B, Third Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was later identified with the Illinois Reserves.

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**Arthur F. Schweer**.—Among the most successful of the younger business men of Will County is Arthur F. Schweer, who is engaged in the shoe business at Crete. He was born here, July 28, 1894, the son of William and Louise (Wehmhofer) Schweer.

William Schweer, deceased, spent his entire life at Crete. He was a blacksmith by trade. He died in 1913 at the age of 56 years and is buried in Trinity Cemetery, Crete. His widow resides here. To Mr. and Mrs. Schweer were born six children, as follows: William and Henry, who live at Crete; Helen, the widow of Walter Turkington, lives at Crete; Martha, married Fred L. Pierce, lives at Chicago Heights; Arthur F., the subject of this sketch; and Fred, lives at Crete.

Arthur F. Schweer was reared and educated at Crete. He learned the machinists' trade early in life and was also interested in electrical

work. He is a veteran of the World War, having served in France with the 77th Coast Artillery. He was discharged at Camp Grant, Ill., in April, 1919. In January, 1925, Mr. Schweer purchased the Schweer Shoe Company, which was founded many years ago by his uncle, Henry Schweer. He is local dealer for the Florsheim shoe and handles high grade merchandise exclusively. Mr. Schweer is also interested in the radio business, which he conducts in connection with his shoe store.

In 1923 Mr. Schweer married Miss Emma C. Meier of Crete, the daughter of Fred J. and Louise Meier. Mr. Meier is a retired farmer. Mrs. Schweer was educated in the public schools of Crete and Chicago Heights, and before her marriage was a stenographer.

Politically Mr. Schweer is identified with the Republican party. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

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**Marion (Kelly) Bowles, M. D.**—Both her wide and varied field of practice in Joliet and her official and professional association with leading medical and health institutions, are inclusive in the round of Dr. Bowles' activities. She is a native of Illinois, born near Table Grove, McDonald County, and the daughter of Lewis E. and Susanna (Hoopes) Kelly.

Lewis E. Kelly was born at Maysville, Ky., and his wife was a native of Freemont, Ohio. He was a teacher in the public schools for many years and later engaged in general farming and stock raising. Both he and his wife are deceased and are buried at Table Grove, Ill. He was a Republican. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly were the parents of three children: William L., lives in Montana; Dr. Franklin E., physician, deceased; and Dr. Marion Bowles, the subject of this sketch.

After attending the public schools of Table Grove, Marion Kelly entered the Illinois State Normal School, from which she was graduated in 1886. She also attended the University of Indiana, and for a short time was interested in teaching school. She subsequently entered the Woman's Medical School of Northwestern University, from which she was graduated in 1894. She served as assistant at the Clinic in general medicine at her alma mater, Chicago, for two years, and thereafter established her present offices in Joliet. Dr. Bowles is a member of the staff of Silver Cross Hospital, and for 20 years she served as an instructor in obstetrics on the staff of Silver Cross Hospital and two years as instructor of pediatrics in the same hospital. She was one of the organ-

izers of the Will County Public Health Council and has been active in the affairs of this organization, having been chairman of the Tuberculosis Division, and also has been medical director of two of its child welfare clinics for several years. She is also medical director of the Infant Welfare Station at Lemont, Ill., under the Cook County Public Health Council.

On Jan. 29, 1893, Marion Kelly married William A. Bowles, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history.

Dr. Bowles is a Republican and a member of the Universalist Church, Kings Daughters, W. C. T. U., Cosmos Club, Joliet Women's Study Club, Alpha Epsilon Iota Fraternity and Marguerite Chapter, O. E. S., and White Shrine of Joliet. She also belongs to the Business and Professional Women's Club, of which she is past state president and past national vice president, also the Woman's Club.

Dr. Bowles served for two terms as president of the Will County Medical Society, was its secretary and treasurer for fifteen years, and she also is identified with the American Medical Association, Medical Women's National Association, and the Illinois State Medical Society.

Dr. Bowles is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, a member of the high school board, which body she has served as president for two terms, and active on both local and state boards of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women. She has been a member of the State Board of the Illinois League of Women Voters.

She is prominent in the social life of the city, having served as the first president of the Joliet Federation of Women's Clubs in Joliet, now merged into the Woman's Club.

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**William A. Bowles**, deceased, was one of the representative citizens and prominent attorneys of Will and Cook Counties. He was born at Table Grove, Ill., the son of James and Amanda (Elgin) Bowles.

James Bowles was born at Hancock, Md., and was among the early settlers of Illinois, where he was successful as a farmer. His wife was born at Astoria, Ill. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bowles are deceased and are buried at Astoria, in Fulton County. They had four sons: Samuel, teacher and farmer, lives at MacComb, Ill.; James E., attorney, lives in Chicago; Judge Charles H., deceased; and William A., the subject of this sketch.

The boyhood of William A. Bowles was spent on his father's farm. He attended the public schools of Astoria, and later matriculated at Knox College. After his graduation from the Kent College of Law, he was admitted to the bar of Cook County, and for 20 years successfully engaged in practice with offices in Chicago. Mr. Bowles maintained his home in Joliet, commuting each day to Chicago. He died in 1922.

On Jan. 29, 1893, Mr. Bowles was united in marriage with Dr. Marion Kelly. They had no children.

Mr. Bowles was a Democrat and served as representative to the Illinois State Legislature from the 41st District for three terms. He was a delegate to the national Democratic convention which was held in San Francisco, Calif. He was identified with the Cook County, Will County, Illinois State, and American Bar Associations. He was affiliated with Matteson Lodge, A. F. & A. M. No. 175; Joliet Chapter, R. A. M. No. 27; Joliet Commandery, K. T. No. 4; Medinah Temple; and Joliet Country Club.

Mr. Bowles was one of the organizers of the Autoist Mutual Insurance Company, of which he served as chief counsel for a number of years.

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**Link C. Bostwick**, local auditor for the Illinois Steel Company, is among the most substantial men of Joliet. He was born at Circleville, Ohio, April 23, 1876, the son of Burr H., and Hattie A. (Hall) Bostwick.

Burr H. Bostwick, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was a native of Ohio and for more than 25 years successfully engaged in the practice of law at Circleville. He died in 1894 and his wife died in 1900. They were the parents of the following children: Burr J., lives at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Minnie B., deceased, was the wife of Joseph C. Zinser; Mabel, deceased; and Link C., the subject of this sketch.

Link C. Bostwick was reared and educated at Circleville, Ohio, and after completing a business course at the Klock Commercial College, entered the employ of T. M. Long & Company, cigar manufacturers, of Circleville. At the age of 23 years Mr. Bostwick came to Joliet where he was employed in the office of the O'Connor Abstract Company for a short time. In August, 1899, he became connected with the Illinois Steel Company in a clerical capacity. He advanced steadily and was

chief clerk of the local plant in September, 1927, at which time he was promoted to auditor.

On April 23, 1903, Mr. Bostwick was united in marriage with Miss Lucy M. Buck, of Joliet, the daughter of George A. and Sarah Buck, pioneer settlers of Will County. Both are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Bostwick have no children.

Mr. Bostwick is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge. He also belongs to the Chamber of Commerce.

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**Peter Rossi, Sr.**, deceased, early in life became interested in the manufacture of macaroni. He was born in Busano, Province of Torino, Italy, May 13, 1851. Before immigrating to America he passed the civil service examination and served with the government for many years. Upon his arrival in the United States in 1878 Peter Rossi, Sr., came to Braidwood and in 1886 engaged in the manufacture of macaroni, which business he conducted until he retired from business and engaged in general farming and fruit raising. He was one of the first men in this section to raise alfalfa. He also specialized in raising green peppers, which he shipped to market in car load lots. He owned the largest grape vineyard in Will County.

He was married to Miss Mary Faletti in 1875. To this union were born nine children, of whom four died in infancy. Five survive, of whom mention is made later.

Mary Faletti Rossi died Jan. 29, 1893. She was a Catholic and is buried at Braidwood. Mr. Rossi returned to Italy and married Mrs. Margherita Fetta Truffa. She resides at Braidwood. She had one child by her former marriage, Jennie Truffa, who is the wife of George Mortimer and lives at Braidwood. They have one daughter, Margaretta.

Upon Mr. Rossi Sr.'s retirement from active business in 1904, a company was formed with all the sons, under the name of Peter Rossi & Sons.

Peter Rossi Sr. served as alderman from 1891-1893 and also school trustee. He was a Republican and in religious belief he was Catholic. He died June 27, 1918, and is buried at Braidwood.

Of those born to Peter and Mary (Faletti) Rossi, Stephen, a merchant, resides at Braidwood. Felix J. and Henry D., who conduct the



PETER ROSSI, Sr.





business founded by the father, live in Braidwood. Josephine married J. Gerardo, lives in Primeville, Ore. Peter J. lives in Chicago.

In 1920 the firm name of Peter Rossi & Sons was incorporated by Felix J., Henry D. and Marghraitia Rossi, who are carrying on the business at present.

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**Felix J. Rossi**, treasurer of the firm Peter Rossi & Sons, was born at Braidwood Jan. 13, 1881. He was educated in the public schools of Braidwood and has always been identified with his father's business since leaving school.

He was married Aug. 12, 1914, to Miss Theresa Felicia Peyla, who was born at Braidwood July 10, 1883, she having served as principal in the lower Braidwood schools. She is a daughter of Louis and Felicia Peyla, who reside in Braidwood. Mr. and Mrs. Rossi have two daughters, Felicia, born June 25, 1917, and Mary Margaret, born April 12, 1920. Mr. Rossi is a Catholic and belongs to the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. He is a Republican and a member of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

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**Henry D. Rossi**, who is president of Peter Rossi & Sons Macaroni Company, of Braidwood, is widely known throughout the state as a successful business man. He was born at Braidwood, May 19, 1882, the son of Peter and Mary (Faletti) Rossi.

Henry D. Rossi was educated in the public schools of Braidwood and has always been identified with his fathers' business, of which he has served as president since 1926.

Mr. Rossi was married Oct. 5, 1910, to Miss Ada M. Reed, who was born at Braidwood, Jan. 17, 1887, the daughter of Fred and Harriet (Parsons) Reed, natives of England, who settled in Pennsylvania in 1880. They later removed to Braidwood. Mr. Reed died in 1918 and his wife died in 1897. He was a Republican, and belonged to the Knights of Pythias. To Mr. and Mrs. Rossi have been born three children: Harriet, born Aug. 12, 1912; Henry, Jr., born June 27, 1917; and Albert, born Jan. 11, 1919.

Mr. Rossi has always been a Republican and served as commissioner of Braidwood from 1917 until 1920. He is a member of the Methodist

Church and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and Foresters of America. He also belongs to the Joliet Chamber of Commerce and the Illinois Chamber of Commerce.

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**John O. Barrett**, who was actively identified with the Barrett Hardware Company of Joliet for the past sixty years, and among the leading business men of Will County, died July 18, 1928. He was born in Joliet, March 16, 1851, the son of William Franklin and Clamana (Onderdonk) Barrett.

William Franklin Barrett was born in Chelsea, Mass., and was a pioneer settler of Will County, when travel to Chicago was by canal boats. Shortly after coming to Joliet he became associated with W. A. Strong and together they organized a hardware business in 1850. A few years later Mr. Barrett became sole proprietor of the business, which was known as the W. F. Barrett Hardware Store. He operated this business alone until 1872, when his son, John O. Barrett, entered the business, which was then changed to W. F. Barrett & Son. Mr. Barrett was a member of the volunteer fire department, and served as alderman from his ward for a number of years. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, being one of the founders and builders of same, and his name is found on the stained glass window in this church. Politically he was a staunch Republican. His wife was a native of New York state. To Mr. and Mrs. Barrett eight children were born: Amelia, died in infancy; Emily, the widow of Dr. T. B. Baird, resides in Denver, Colo.; Charity Mariah, deceased, was the wife of Hugh H. Carson; John O., the subject of this sketch; Lizzie, deceased; W. F., Jr., deceased; and Edward C., secretary of the Barrett Hardware Company. William Franklin Barrett died in 1879, and his wife died in 1913. Both are buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Joliet.

John O. Barrett was educated in the schools of the Fourth Ward, Joliet, and began his business career as a clerk in his father's hardware business, and at the age of 21 years was made a member of the firm. The company was incorporated in 1872, and John O. Barrett was elected president, which position he held continuously until January, 1927, when he retired and became chairman of the board of directors of the company. The present officers of the Barrett Hardware Company are: W. Franklin Barrett, III, president; E. M. Moore, vice president; Edward C. Barrett, secretary and treasurer.

The Barrett Hardware Company is the leading hardware house in the state. One of its most popular salesmen is William Keltie, who won first prize in a contest held by Chilton Glass Journal, trade paper, to the best salesman in the United States. The prize was \$600.00.

John O. Barrett was married (first) in 1872 to Miss Mary Warren, of Shrewsbury, Mass., born in 1853. She died in 1904 and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Joliet. Mr. Barrett married (second) Mrs. Cora Mason Clark, in July, 1906. She was born in Cold Water, Mich., in 1854. By her first marriage Mrs. Barrett had one son, Fred Mason Clark, who married Sarah Martin. They have two children: Frederick Clark, who is engaged in the brokerage business in Chicago, and Mason, a student in the University of Illinois.

Mr. Barrett was a prominent and influential member of the business fraternity of Joliet and contributed much to the city's growth and advancement. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Joliet Country Club and was the last surviving member of the original board of directors of the Joliet National Bank. He was president of the Crowe Name Plate Company of Chicago. He was one of Joliet's far-sighted business men, honored and respected by all who knew him either in a business or social way.

Politically he was a staunch Republican. Mrs. Barrett is a member of the Central Presbyterian Church, which Mr. Barrett also attends.

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**Edward C. Barrett** is numbered among the prominent business men of Joliet, where he is secretary and treasurer of the Barrett Hardware Company. He was born in this city, Feb. 16, 1864, the son of William Franklin and Clamana (Onderdonk) Barrett.

William Franklin Barrett, deceased, was a highly esteemed and well known citizen of Joliet. He was born at Chelsea, Mass., in 1818, and died in 1879. His wife was born at Holly, N. Y., and died in 1913. (Further mention of William Franklin Barrett appears in this volume in connection with the biographical sketch of John O. Barrett.)

Edward C. Barrett has always lived in Joliet. After his graduation from Joliet Township High School he entered the shops of his father's business, where he learned the plumbing, heating, and sheet metal trades. At the age of 20 years he was put in complete charge of the

tinning shop. He has served as secretary and treasurer of the firm since December, 1891.

The Barrett Hardware Company has one of the best equipped hardware stores in Will County, and in fact there is none like it in Illinois. They have extensive salesrooms, and commodious offices, and departments exclusively devoted to plumbing and gas fitting, builders' hardware, and sample rooms. The present officers are: W. Franklin Barrett, president; E. M. Moore, vice president; and E. C. Barrett, secretary and treasurer.

In 1896 Mr. Barrett was united in marriage with Miss Nettie Hobbs, a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Brown) Hobbs. The Hobbs family settled in Joliet about 1834, having come here from New York. Mr. Hobbs, who is deceased, was a well known soap manufacturer. His widow, now 96 years of age, lives in Joliet. Mr. and Mrs. Barrett have two children: (1) Mary, a graduate of the University of Illinois, married Charles C. Russell, and they have a daughter Anne Elizabeth. They reside at Pittsburgh, Pa., where Mr. Russell is a coke manufacturer. (2) W. Franklin, born in 1900. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, class of 1919, and is president of the Barrett Hardware Company. He married Miss Adrienne Stainfield, and they have two daughters, Betty and Jean.

Mr. Barrett is a Republican, a member of the First Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce.

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**James Lyons.**—One of the oldest and largest lumber and fuel companies in Will County is the Lyons Brothers Lumber & Fuel Company, a business that has been in existence for over half a century. Its founder was the late John Lyons, and the president today is his son, James Lyons, of this sketch.

James Lyons was born in Channahon, Will County, Ill., July 31, 1864, a son of John and Susan (Feeney) Lyons. His father, John Lyons, was born in Longford County, Ireland, and when a young man came to the United States in 1857. He remained in New York City for three years, and in 1860 came to Joliet.

He learned the carpenter's trade in New York and was in the building contract business until 1875, when he engaged in the lumber business under the firm name of Lyons & Patterson. He continued with Mr.

Patterson as a partner until 1882, when he purchased the latter's interests. Mr. Lyons continued alone in business until 1892, when he retired and his four sons took over the business. He was a staunch Democrat and took an active interest in all public and civic affairs, and was an assistant supervisor for two terms. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Mr. Lyons died in 1904, and his wife, who was born in Channahan, Ill., died in 1884. They are buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Joliet. To Mr. and Mrs. John Lyons seven children were born: James, the subject of this sketch; W. J., born Jan. 1, 1866, now engaged in the lumber business, Joliet; Mary, deceased; John, Joliet; Thomas, secretary-treasurer Lyons Brothers Lumber and Fuel Company; Anna, the widow of John Cassidy, resides in Joliet; and Susan, married Harry Ward, resides in Greenville, Ohio.

James Lyons was born in Channahan, Will County, Ill., July 31, 1864, public schools of Joliet, after which he entered his father's lumber business, and in 1892 when Mr. Patterson retired from the business, James Lyons became a partner. The yard at that time was located at 300 North Desplaines Street. In 1897 he withdrew from the company and with his brothers, Thomas and John, formed a partnership which was incorporated as the Lyons Brothers Lumber & Fuel Company. The officers were: James Lyons, president; Thomas Lyons, vice president and treasurer; John Lyons, secretary. The business was located on South Eastern Avenue, and in 1908 it was moved to the present location, 602 Washington Street. While the business office of this company has always been conducted in Joliet, the trade embraces a large territory in surrounding cities and towns.

On Aug. 11, 1886, Mr. Lyons was united in marriage with Miss Mary Rogan, a daughter of Thomas and Rosa (McIntyre) Rogan, natives of Scotland. Thomas Rogan was a stone cutter by trade. He and his wife are both deceased. He is buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery and his wife's remains rest in Mt. Olivet Cemetery at Joliet, Ill. To Mr. and Mrs. James Lyons six children were born, as follows: Albert, Ambrose, Clarence, John, Harold and James J. Albert Lyons, the eldest son, grew to manhood, married Alma Braun of Joliet, and died in November, 1914. They had one son, Joseph Lyons. Ambrose Lyons was born in 1889 and died in 1890. Clarence Lyons was born in 1891 and died in 1892. John Lyons was born in January, 1897, and died in August, 1897. Harold Lyons, who is engaged in the tire and radio business, married Clara Burnside and they have two children, Harold, Jr., and Mary Louise.

James J. Lyons, youngest son of James Lyons and wife, was born in 1898 and died in 1921. He was a veteran of the World War, having served overseas with the 833rd Aero Squadron. Mary (Rogan) Lyons died July 31, 1925, and is buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Joliet.

Mr. Lyons has always taken an active interest in civic affairs and served on the city school board for 12 years, three years of which he was president of the board. He served on the Fire and Police Board for eight years, and at present is a member of the Park Board Commission. He is a director of the First National Bank, is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Holy Name Society, Modern Woodmen of the World, and the Illinois Lumber Dealers Association. In politics he is an independent voter. The family are members of St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

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**Frank A. Johnson.**—Connected with the undertaking business during practically all of his life, Frank A. Johnson, of Joliet, is an experienced man in his profession, and one whose services are in great demand. His funeral home is located at 404 Collins Street, Joliet. He was born in Sweden, March 19, 1857, a son of John and Catherine (Anderson) Johnson.

John Johnson was a merchant in Sweden where he lived all his life. Both he and his wife are deceased and are buried in Sweden. They were members of the Lutheran Church. There were three sons in the Johnson family: Edwin, died in 1927, in Sweden; Adolph, died in April, 1925, buried in Joliet; and Frank A., the subject of this sketch.

Frank A. Johnson was reared in Sweden and attended the public schools. On May 13, 1883, he was married to Emma Abramhouson, of Sweden, who was born June 9, 1860. Their only child, Arthur, died at the age of three and one-half years and is buried in Sweden. Frank A. Johnson came to the United States in 1886 and settled in Joliet. In 1900 he took a course in embalming at Chicago, and then returned to Joliet where he organized his present business, which has a modern equipment in every particular, including full motor service.

In 1895 Mr. Johnson went to Sweden to bring his wife's brother's child Albert to this country, who was an orphan. He was born in 1893 and the Johnson family raised him to manhood. During the World War Albert Anderson enlisted from Joliet in the aviation corps and was in the service two years, being stationed at Kelly's Field. Mr. Anderson

married Eleanor Peterson, a native of Rockford, Ill., and they have three children: Donald, John, and Jennie. Mr. Anderson is connected with the National Furnace Company of Rockford, Ill., where the family reside.

Mr. Johnson has always taken a leading part in the affairs of the city and county. He was assistant supervisor of Will County for ten years, is a member of the Board of Charities, and Orphan's Home, and the Salem Home, which office he has held for 18 years. He has been treasurer of the Knights of Pythias for the past 14 years, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the North Star Society. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church, of which he was a trustee for many years. In politics he is a staunch Republican.

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**John F. Daly** is among the representative citizens of Lockport, where he has held the office of mayor since 1925. He was born at Dwight, Ill., Oct. 29, 1878, the son of Daniel C. and Catherine (McDonald) Daly.

Daniel Daly was born in Ireland in December, 1800. He emigrated to the United States in 1841 and settled at Schenectady, N. Y., where he remained three years. He then came west, making the trip by ox team, and settled in Lockport Township, at the junction of Archer and Romeo Roads. He purchased 200 acres of land from the Illinois, Michigan Canal Commissioners and became a prosperous farmer of this section. He married Miss Bridget Prior, who was born in Ireland in 1813. To this union 11 children were born, of whom Daniel C., father of the subject of this sketch, was the fourth in order of birth. Mr. Daly died March 15, 1896, and his wife died May 1, 1897. They are buried in the Catholic Cemetery at Lockport.

Daniel C. Daly was born at Lockport in 1848. Throughout his life he was interested in construction work. He was superintendent of construction in the building of the Kankakee Electric Railroad, and the Calumet Electric Railroad at the World's Fair in Chicago. He was also in charge of the building of the railroad bridge over the Mississippi River at Memphis, Tenn. He married Miss Catherine McDonald, who was born at Lockport in 1854. She died Oct. 29, 1878, leaving a son, John F., the subject of this sketch. Her husband died in 1898.

John F. Daly was educated in the parochial schools and the High School of Lockport and early in life was employed in the railway postal service. In 1907 he became interested in the advertising business in

Chicago and has continued in this line of work since that date. His residence is at 127 Washington Street.

On June 28, 1905, Mr. Daly married Miss Mary R. Woods, who was born at Joliet, Oct. 14, 1876, the daughter of James and Mary (McCabe) Woods, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Daly have no children.

Mr. Daly has always been a Republican and is serving his second term as mayor of Lockport. During his administration a new well was completed, and extension of water and sewer mains, on the west side. He is a member of St. Dennis Catholic Church, and was the founder of the Lockport Council Knights of Columbus, of which he has served as Grand Knight. He has also been recording secretary of the Catholic Order of Forresters for the past 20 years.

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**Nicholas J. Jackson, M. D.**, established his residence in the city of Joliet, Will County, in the year 1920, and here his ability marks him as one of the representative physicians and surgeons of the county. Dr. Jackson was born in Austria, Feb. 15, 1870.

Dr. Jackson received his medical education in the Midville Medical College, Chicago, where he was graduated as a member of the class of 1910. He served his internship in St. Joseph's Hospital, at Joliet. He engaged in the practice of his profession at Braidwood, Ill., and in 1920 transferred the stage of his professional activities to Joliet, where he has met with success. His offices are located in the Young Building.

On June 15, 1922, Dr. Jackson was married to Miss Catherine Berta, who was born in Braidwood, Ill.

Dr. Jackson holds membership in the Illinois State Medical Society and the Will County Medical Association. He is a Republican, and a member of the Catholic Church.

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**James Donahue**, one of Joliet's progressive young business men, was born in this city, Dec. 2, 1900, the son of John and Ida (Riley) Donahue.

John Donahue is a native of Illinois, born at Lockport. He is among the oldest employes of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railroad, and is foreman of one of the shops. Mr. Donahue is a Democrat, a member of the Catholic Church, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus. His wife



died in 1905 and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Joliet. To Mr. and Mrs. Donahue were born three children: James, the subject of this sketch; Mary, and Elizabeth, both teachers, live at home.

James Donahue was educated in the public schools of Joliet. He has always been interested in the electrical business and for the past several years has conducted his present business at 209 D'arcy Avenue.

Mr. Donahue is a member of the Catholic Church and belongs to the Knights of Columbus and Ancient Order of Hibernians. He is a Republican.

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**Richard Force**, who is chief of the Fire department of Lockport, is a highly esteemed citizen of Will County. He was born in Sweden, April 24, 1881.

Mr. Force spent his early life in his native land, where he was educated. In 1900 he came to this country and settled in Chicago. He later came to Lockport, where he was employed on the farm of James Alexander. In 1910 Mr. Force opened his present blacksmith shop at Lockport, of which he is still proprietor. He has always taken an active interest in civic affairs and for many years was identified with the local fire department, of which he is now serving his second term as chief. He served as constable of Will County for several terms.

In 1913 Mr. Force married Miss Hilda Stenholm, of Lockport. They had two children: Glen Richard, deceased; and Gladys, born in 1921.

Mr. Force is a staunch Republican. He was one of the organizers of the local lodge of Loyal Order of Moose.

The Force family home which is located on Sission Street, is among the interesting land marks of Lockport and one of the oldest residences of Will County.

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**Thomas F. Egan**, superintendent of mails, has been connected with the post office of Joliet for the past 25 years. He was born in this city, Nov. 16, 1881, the son of James and Margaret (Ryan) Egan.

James Egan, who died in 1928, was a well known resident of Joliet, where he spent his entire life. He died at the age of 71 years and is buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery. His widow resides in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Egan were the parents of ten children, six of whom survive: Thomas F., the subject of this sketch; John V., a World War veteran,

connected with the local post office; Ambrose, also an employe of the post office; Mary Elizabeth, a teacher, Joliet; Theresa, lives at home; and Josephine, married Herman Wirth, a World War veteran, lives in Joliet, and they have two sons, Donald and Robert.

Thomas F. Egan obtained his education in the public schools of Joliet, and after completing his schooling entered the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad. He was later connected with the clerical department of the Rock Island Railroad before taking the civil service examination for post office work. In 1903 he began as clerk and continued in that work until December, 1917, when he was appointed superintendent of mails. During his 25 years of service Mr. Egan has only been absent from duty for one day, and has taken no vacation although he is allowed one every year.

Mr. Egan married Miss Julia C. Kearney of Joliet, the daughter of Michael and Bridget (Cronin) Kearney. Mr. Kearney, now 85 years of age, resides in Joliet. Mr. and Mrs. Egan have two sons, James Kearney, born May 12, 1919; and John Joseph, born March 16, 1925.

Mr. Egan has always been a Republican. He is a member of St. Raymond's Catholic Church and belongs to the Western Catholic Union.

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**Daniel P. Lennon**, vice president of the J. C. Adler Company, at Joliet, Ill., and one of the prominent citizens and substantial business men in Will County, was born in Joliet, Sept. 26, 1868. He is a son of John and Teresa (Fitzgerald) Lennon.

John Lennon, deceased, was born at Athlone, County Roscommon, Ireland, April 5, 1837. He attended the national schools in Ireland, where he received a good education, and in 1852 he came to the United States. He located in Joliet, where he learned the marble cutter's trade while in the employ of the late C. E. Munger. He later engaged in the monument business and met with success. In 1859 Mr. Lennon was married to Teresa Fitzgerald, who was born near Kildare, Ireland. Father Farelly, of Joliet, was the officiating clergyman. To this union 18 children were born, eleven boys and seven girls. John Lennon died at Joliet, July 7, 1907, after a long life of uprightness and kindness that may well be an example to all who knew him. He was a leader in the temperance movement and an active member of Father Mathews Total Abstinence Society. He served as school treasurer for one term, and

was interested in every movement for the betterment of the community in which he lived. He and his family were well known throughout the state and especially in the city of Joliet, where they have been among the foremost citizens for many years. Mrs. Lennon died March 14, 1923. Both she and her husband are buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Joliet. They were devout communicants of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Daniel P. Lennon attended the public schools of Joliet. He was graduated from the Illinois College of Pharmacy in 1888, with the degree of Ph. B. He entered the drug store of E. M. Bray and was later associated with H. A. Stillman, druggist. In 1893 Mr. Lennon purchased an interest in the J. C. Adler & Company of Joliet. Upon the incorporation of the company he was chosen vice president.

On Aug. 25, 1892, Mr. Lennon was married to Miss Louise M. Adler, a daughter of Jacob C., Sr., and Emily Teresa (Erhard) Adler. A complete biography of Mr. Adler follows this sketch. To Mr. and Mrs. Lennon the following children were born: 1. Jacob John Lennon, a graduate of Joliet Township High School, St. Mary's College, and Annapolis Naval Academy. He married Helen Budlong, and they have four children, Jacob John, Jr., Patricia Mary, Jeanette Louise, and Marietta. Jacob John Lennon is president of the Lennon Brothers Candy Company, of Detroit, Mich. 2. Daniel L. I, deceased. 3. Mary Louise, a graduate of Loretta Academy, Junior College, Joliet, and St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, with Ph. degree. She married Hays Kennedy, an attorney associated with the law firm of Ryan, Condon & Livingstone, Chicago. They have a daughter, Mary Frances, born Feb. 29, 1927. 4. Emily, at home, graduated from Loretta Academy, Junior College, Joliet, and St. Mary's of the Woods, Terre Haute, Ind., with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. 5. Daniel J., Jr., II, a graduate of Joliet Township High School, and the University of Illinois, is secretary and treasurer of the Lennon Brothers Candy Company, Detroit. 6. John, a graduate of the University of Minnesota, now taking a special course at Loyola University, Chicago. All the Lennon boys were star athletes at their respective colleges and were well known.

Mrs. Lennon was educated in the public schools of Joliet, St. Francis Academy, and the Sacred Heart Convent, Chicago. She is very active in church and all charitable work and is a member of the Ladies Catholic League, Altar and Rosary Society of St. Mary's and St. John's Church, and is a charter member of the Visitation and Aid Society.

Mr. Lennon is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Joliet

Country Club, Business Men's Association, and Advertising Club, of which he has served as president. When a young man he was a member of the Lennon Brothers Baseball team, which was composed of the Lennon Brothers exclusively.

The family are members of the Catholic Church.

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Jacob C. Adler was born in Bachem, Canton Trier, Kries Mertzig, Prussia, Germany, March 17, 1837. He died June 29, 1918, and is buried in St. John's Cemetery, Joliet. His wife, Emily Teresa (Erhard) Adler, was born in Bluff Street, Joliet, Nov. 11, 1842. She died Sept. 25, 1922, and is buried in St. John's Cemetery, Joliet.

Jacob C. Adler was the son of Michael and Margaret (Sebastian) Adler. In the fall of 1837 the family left Havre, France, on a sailing vessel and after a voyage of almost four months landed in New York, thence up the river to Albany, N. Y., and via Erie Canal to Buffalo, thence through the Great Lakes to Chicago, where they secured an ox team, driving on to Indiana, where they bought a farm. In July, 1838, they removed to Will County, Ill., and settled at Sagg's Bridge. In the spring of 1849 the father purchased a farm on what is now the site of New Lenox. Four years later he settled two miles south of Joliet, where he improved a valuable farm. He retired in 1868 and settled in Joliet, where he died. His wife died there on Dec. 15, 1888.

Jacob C. Adler was educated in the first log school house in New Lenox Township, later attending school in Joliet Township. In 1858 he began to cultivate part of his father's property. At the age of seven he drove an ox team and plowed in the fields. When the Pike's Peak gold excitement started in 1859 Mr. Adler went west, arriving at Leavenworth, Kans., where he outfitted with three yoke of oxen and three wagons. He and Clemence Erhard went in a wagon via the Smoky Hill route to Denver, the trip to Denver taking from April 15th to June 3rd. Proceeding to Gregory's Diggings, in the Clear Creek District, Mr. Adler had many hazardous experiences en route. He afterwards engaged in mining there and at Russell's Gulch. In the fall he returned to Denver, thence by mule team to St. Joseph, Mo., where he traded his team and wagon for a farm in Missouri. He later went to Centerville, Ind., where he purchased cattle and horses and returned to Joliet. In the spring of 1861 he opened a meat market in Joliet, having Joseph Richmond as a

partner for three years. He then purchased his interest, and taking as a partner, Fred Rappal, the latter in turn being bought out by Jasper Adler. They purchased cattle in Iowa, Kansas and Missouri, shipping to the East. Two years later he established a meat market on Chicago street, his brother Peter, who later owned the business, becoming his partner. In 1877 he bought the National Hotel Block and started a market at that location. He continued in the meat business until 1897, when he transferred the business to members of his family.

Jacob C. Adler was married on Jan. 11, 1866, to Miss Emily T. Erhard, a daughter of George and Louisa (Perislat) Erhard. George Erhard was born in Wertsburg, Bavaria, May 7, 1807, and his wife was born in Alsace Lorraine, and came to the United States in 1834. Mr. Erhard came to this country in 1832 and settled in Detroit, later removing to Chicago. In 1836 he came to Joliet, where he operated a brewery on North Bluff Street for many years. He owned a farm near Joliet which he operated, and later removed to Somonauk, Ill., where he died June 28, 1890. His wife died July 27, 1887. To Jacob C. Adler and wife seven children were born: 1. Margaret Louise Lennon. 2. Jacob C. Jr., whose sketch appears elsewhere in this history. 3. Lawrence, attended Niagara University at Niagara Falls, N. Y., resides in Joliet, Ill., and is a director of the J. C. Adler and Company. 4. Emily V., was educated in Niagara Convent. 5. Michael, educated in Notre Dame University, was a prominent merchant of Joliet. He was married (first) to Miss Angelin Murphy, who is now deceased. They had four children. Mr. Adler was married (second) to Miss Louise Duseau, and to them four children were born. Mr. Adler is deceased and his widow resides in Joliet. 6. Patrica, educated in St. Francis Academy and Loretta and St. Xaviers Convent, Chicago, Ill. She married James MacDonald and now resides in Joliet, Ill. 7. Katherine was educated at St. Francis Academy, Loretta Convent, and Mount St. Joseph, Mo. The child (7) George J. died in infancy.

Jacob C. Adler took a lifelong interest in civic and national affairs and the local and general well being of his home city. He was charitable and contributed to all churches regardless of creed, although he was a devoted communicant of St. John's Catholic Church. He assisted in organizing and promoting St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's parish churches. For four years he served as alderman of the Sixth Ward. Those who remember Mr. Adler ever speak of his many lovable attributes, but the greatest of them was kindness.

**Julius J. Krause.**—One of the progressive business men of Joliet is Julius J. Krause, who is connected with the jewelry business, which was founded by his father, Julius Krause, more than half a century ago. Mr. Krause was born in this city and is the son of Julius and Margaret (Young) Krause.

Julius Krause was born in Silesia, Prussia, Dec. 2, 1843, the son of Julius Krause, who was an inspector and general overseer of one of the estates of the nobility in that country. When Julius Krause was about 14 years old he was apprenticed to learn the watchmaker's trade and followed it in his native land until 1868, at which time he emigrated to the United States. He established the jewelry business in Joliet which still bears his name. Mr. Krause died Feb. 12, 1912, and is buried in Elmhurst Cemetery, Joliet. He was married Feb. 14, 1871, to Margaret Young, the daughter of Henry Young. She was a native of Buffalo, N. Y., and died in April, 1912. To Mr. and Mrs. Krause were born four children: Henry, who died June 3, 1922, at the age of 51 years; Julius J., the subject of this sketch; Mrs. Juanita Warnock, lives in Joliet; and Charles, lives in Joliet, where he is interested in the Krause Jewelry Company.

Julius J. Krause attended the public schools of Joliet and early in life became associated with his father's business. With the exception of two years spent in California he has devoted his entire time to it. It is the oldest jewelry house in the city and handles high grade merchandise exclusively.

On June 9, 1908, Mr. Krause married Miss Della Clow of Joliet, and they have a son, Robert Randolph, who was born April 17, 1919.

Mr. Krause is a Republican, and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge.

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**Joseph L. Kane** is a representative and widely known business man of Joliet, where he is manager for the local district of Swift & Company, with offices at 210 South Chicago Street. He was born in Joliet, Aug. 23, 1891, the son of Patrick H. and Bridget (Malone) Kane.

Patrick H. Kane was born in Ireland in 1853. In early youth he emigrated to the United States and settled in Joliet, where he served for many years as a member of the police force. He later was employed by the Illinois Steel Company. He died at the age of 62 years in 1915 and his wife died in 1908. Both are buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Joliet. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kane: Olie,

Chicago, Ill.; Joseph, deceased; John, deceased; Edward, Gadsden, Ala.; Henry, Joliet, Ill.; Frederick, deceased; Joseph L., the subject of this sketch; Elizabeth, Chicago, Ill.; and Mrs. Dr. Warren R. Merrick, Joliet.

Joseph L. Kane grew up in Joliet and received his education in the parochial schools of this city. He also attended Sacred Heart College. He was employed by the American Steel & Wire Company as a machinist's helper for a short time and later went with the Hacker Sash & Door Company. He began with Swift & Company in 1910 as a driver and through steady advancement has risen to the responsible position of manager of the company's business in Joliet. He has held this office since 1920.

On July 12, 1912, Mr. Kane was united in marriage with Miss Theresa Huber, of Joliet, the daughter of Morris and Dora (Benzie) Huber. The former is deceased and the latter lives in Joliet. Mr. and Mrs. Kane have no children.

Mr. and Mrs. Kane are members of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, and he belongs to the Chamber of Commerce. They live at 304 Sherman Street.

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**J. Franklin Hedgcock.**—One of the well known men of Joliet is J. Franklin Hedgcock, who is secretary and treasurer of the Will County National Farm Loan Association. He was born at Plymouth, Ill., April 4, 1889, the son of John F. and Anna Elizabeth (Wade) Hedgcock.

John F. Hedgcock was born at Plymouth, Ill., in November, 1862, and has spent his entire life in that section, where he is well known as a successful farmer. He is the owner of 425 acres of land. Mr. Hedgcock has always been active in township politics and has held the offices of supervisor and school director. He is president of the Farmers Grain Company, Plymouth, and the Farmers Telephone Company. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Congregational Church, of which he served as Sunday School superintendent for almost 30 years. His wife was born at Plymouth in 1864. To Mr. and Mrs. Hedgcock were born seven children, as follows: 1. William Everett, born Jan. 31, 1885, is a graduate of the University of Illinois, lives at Bloomington, Ill., where he is secretary and treasurer of the McLean County Farm Loan Association. 2. Dr. Andrew Jackson, born Dec. 22, 1887, died in September, 1927, was a graduate of Knox College, in 1911, and Northwestern Medical School in 1915, where he was awarded the highest

honors of his class, with an average of 94. He was a well known surgeon and lived at Decatur, Ill. 3. J. Franklin, the subject of this sketch. 4. Nellie May, born July 25, 1891, a graduate of the University of Illinois, married Melvin P. Roske, lives at Mt. Carroll, Ill., where he is identified with the Carroll County Farm Bureau. He was graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1915. 5. Martha Elizabeth, born Feb. 2, 1893, a graduate of the University of Illinois in 1918, married Lorenzo S. Foote, lives at Tunnel Hill, Ill., where he is identified with the Johnson County Farm Bureau. He was graduated from the University of Illinois in 1917 and is a veteran of the World War. 6. Marcus Whitman, born Dec. 29, 1896, a graduate of Loyola Medical College, and the University of Chicago in 1924, lives at Champaign, Ill., where he is a specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. 7. Robert Moody, born Sept. 1, 1900, a graduate of Bradley Polytechnic School, Peoria, attends the University of Illinois.

J. Franklin Hedgcock is a graduate of the public schools of Plymouth and also attended Knox College, and was graduated from the University of Illinois in 1915. He took post graduate work in agriculture in University of Illinois, and for two years was director of agriculture for the Albert Lea State High School in Minnesota. He then organized the Freeborn County Farm Bureau at Freeborn, Minn., where he spent two years. On Jan. 14, 1920, Mr. Hedgcock accepted the position of farm advisor of the Will County Farm Bureau of Joliet and served in that capacity until Jan. 1, 1928. He has since been identified with the Will County National Farm Loan Association as secretary and treasurer. He is the owner of a farm of 100 acres in Troy and Channahon townships, where he specializes in the raising of white Leghorn chickens, at the present time having 10,000 chickens.

On Nov. 21, 1921, Mr. Hedgcock married Miss Mildred Louise Davis, of Joliet, the daughter of Dr. O. C. and Caroline (Sandiford) Davis. Dr. Davis has been a leading physician and surgeon of Joliet since 1882. His wife died Nov. 6, 1921, and is buried in Elmhurst Cemetery, Joliet. Mr. and Mrs. Hedgcock have two daughters, Jane Louise, born May 21, 1923, and Ann Elizabeth, born June 9, 1928. Mrs. Hedgcock is a graduate of Joliet Township High School and attended Northwestern University.

Mr. Hedgcock is a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge, Sigma Pi, and Phi Delta Kappa fraternities, and Rotary Club.



**Emil P. Krapp** is a member of one of the earliest families of Mokena, where he is vice president of the Mokena State Bank. He was born here, Oct. 16, 1870, the son of Martin and Catherine (Steffan) Krapp.

Martin Krapp was born in Germany, Oct. 2, 1831. He came to the United States in 1854 and settled at Blue Island, Ill., where he was married April 25, 1857, to Miss Catherine Steffan, who was also born in Germany. During that year they removed to Mokena, where Mr. Krapp engaged in the meat business for many years as a member of the firm of Krapp & Cappel. He died in 1891 and his wife died in 1920. They are buried in St. John's Cemetery, Mokena. Mr. and Mrs. Krapp were the parents of three children: Sophia, married Clem Schroeder, lives at Manhattan, Ill.; Louisa, married William Folkers, lives at Frankfort, Ill.; and Emil P., the subject of this sketch.

Emil P. Krapp has always lived in Mokena. After completing his schooling he engaged in business here as a cattle dealer. He has continued in this line of work and deals almost exclusively through the Chicago markets. He purchases his stock in Wisconsin and Iowa. Mr. Krapp was one of the organizers of the Mokena State Bank in August, 1909. He has been a director of this institution since 1923.

In September, 1892, Mr. Krapp was united in marriage with Miss Selma A. Schaub, the daughter of Carl and Ernestine (Yahn) Schaub, natives of Germany, both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Krapp have three sons: (1) Karl E., lives at Mokena, married Miss Mabel Geuther, and they have two children, LaVerne and Melvin. 2. Milton I., a World War veteran, having served in the U. S. navy, lives at Mokena, married Miss Pauline Kries, and they have two children, Robert and Marlys. 3. Roy E., lives at Mokena, married Miss Alfreda Kries.

Mr. Krapp has always been a Republican and has served as alderman for 25 years. He is a member of St. John's Evangelical Church, and is a highly esteemed citizen of Will County.

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**Jas. H. Frey**, president of the Momouth Coal Company, Joliet, is a veteran of the World War and ranks high among the progressive young business men of Will County. He was born at Lima, Ohio, Jan. 5, 1895, the son of Jacob and Nannie (Neidermeyer) Frey.

Jacob Frey was born in Hesse, Dermstadt, Germany, in 1868, and his wife was born in Luxembourg in 1871. About 1885 Mr. Frey emigrated to the United States and settled at Lima, Ohio, where he was

employed at his trade as a machinist. He later became master mechanic for the Lake Erie & Western Railroad. He now lives retired. His wife, who was born in 1871, died in November, 1910, and is buried at Lima. There were six children in the Frey family, as follows: Edward and Wilma, both deceased; Karl, lives at Lima, Ohio; Jas. H., the subject of this sketch; Walter, lives at San Francisco, Calif.; and Bernice, married Edward Ward, lives at Lima, Ohio.

The schooling of Jas. H. Frey was obtained in the public schools of Lima, and after his graduation from high school he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he learned the machinist's trade. Later he went to Chicago, Ill., and in May, 1916, returned to Joliet. On April 3, 1918, he volunteered for service in the World War and was sent to Fort Terry, New York, where he was attached to the 68th Heavy Artillery, Battery A. He was discharged from service as a first class mechanic on Dec. 17, 1918. Upon his return to Joliet, Mr. Frey resumed his work with the Illinois Steel Company, and in September, 1919, went with the Superior Chemical Company. He later was connected with Harris Brothers, builders of locomotives, and with Humphrey & Son, Joliet. On April 3, 1924, he was elected town clerk of Joliet on the citizen's ticket and served in that capacity for two years. In August, 1926, he established the Momouth Coal Company, dealers in coal. He carries on a wholesale and retail trade and has already met with marked success in his business venture.

On April 23, 1927, Mr. Frey was united in marriage with Miss Mary C. Whalen, the daughter of Martin J. and Mary (Laller) Whalen. Mr. Whalen lives at Joliet. His wife is deceased.

Mr. Frey is a member of Loyal Order of Moose, No. 300; F. O. Eagles, Ariel, No. 377; Knights of Pythias, No. 371; Independent Order of Odd Fellows; International Association of Machinists No. 124; Isaac Walton League; and American Legion Post, No. 5. He has a wide acquaintance in the city and is well liked.

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**Kinsey Robinson.**—One of the foremost business men of Joliet is Mr. Robinson, who is vice president and works manager of the Joliet Manufacturing Company. He was born at Peoria, Ill., Feb. 4, 1889, the son of C. Edgar and Nellie (Kinsey) Robinson.

C. Edgar Robinson, deceased, was a native of Indiana. In early life he removed to Peoria, Ill., where he entered the employ of the

Clark-Queen & Morse Hardware Company. He came to Joliet in 1892 and became superintendent of the Scott Street Works of the American Wire & Steel Company, formerly the Consolidated Steel & Iron Company. He was later transferred to the Chicago office as sales manager for the company. After several years Mr. Robinson built a mill at Birmingham, Ala., and a plant at Rockdale, Ill., where he specialized in the manufacture of barbed wire, nails, and woven wire fence. He later sold his interests and retired from active business. He died in 1926 and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery. His widow, a native of Peoria, resides at Joliet. To Mr. and Mrs. Robinson were born two children: Kinsey, the subject of this sketch; and Margaret, married A. S. Witwar, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history.

After his graduation from Joliet Township High School in 1908, Kinsey Robinson entered the Beloit University. He later attended Cornell University, from which he was graduated in 1914 with the degree of Master of Engineering. He began his professional career with the Dodge Automobile Company at Detroit, Mich., as an engineer, and he was later transferred to the company's plant at Rochester, N. Y. He then went with the American Can Company at Hamilton, Ohio, and after two years in the factory was transferred to the Chicago offices of the company. He spent ten years in the firm's employ, the last three years of which he served as assistant division superintendent. On May 1, 1926, Mr. Robinson came to Joliet and assumed his present position with the Joliet Manufacturing Company.

Mr. Robinson is a Republican, a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and belongs to the Beta Theta Phi fraternity, Joliet Country Club, and Chamber of Commerce.

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Fred Geuther, a well known retired farmer of Frankfort, Ill., is a native of this city. He was born here April 29, 1860, the son of John George and Elizabeth (Baumgartner) Geuther.

John George Geuther was born in Saxon, Germany, a son of John George and Cora (Gunda) Geuther. They came to the United States and settled in Frankfort, where the father was a farmer and also engaged in stock raising and dairying. Both are deceased and are buried in Frankfort. John George Geuther and his wife Elizabeth, who was born in Switzerland, were married in Frankfort, Ill. He followed farming and stock raising. He was a Democrat, and served as

road commissioner and school director. They were members of St. Peter's Evangelical Church. To John George and Elizabeth (Baumgartner) Geuther seven children were born: Helen, the widow of Gus Guilckse, lives in Frankfort; Carrie; Julia, and Nicholas, all deceased; Fred, the subject of this sketch; John George, deceased; and Charles, lives at Mokena, Ill.

Fred Geuther was reared on his father's farm and attended the public schools of Frankfort Township. After his marriage he purchased 160 acres of land and engaged in stock raising and dairy business. He later purchased 160 acres more. Mr. Geuther removed to Frankfort in 1897 from Frankfort Township, and retired from active farming in 1900. He recently disposed of 160 acres of his land.

In 1885 Mr. Geuther was married to Miss Emma Schmuhl, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schmuhl. Both Mr. and Mrs. Schmuhl were born in Germany in 1826, where they were married in 1851. In 1852 they came to the United States and settled in Mokena, Ill., where Mr. Schmuhl worked for the railroad for three years. In 1856 he removed to New Lenox Township and began farming. They were members of the German Lutheran Church. Both are now deceased.

To Mr. and Mrs. Geuther three children have been born: Arthur, a farmer in Frankfort Township, married Lottie Marti; Clemence, Miami, Texas, a veteran of the World War, having served in the U. S. Infantry, married, and has two children, Betty and Virginia; and Edith, deceased.

Mr. Geuther is a Democrat. He has served as road commissioner and school director. The family are members of St. Peter's Episcopal Church. The Geuther family are estimable people and have the esteem of the entire community.

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Nicholas Sholtes is among the substantial and highly esteemed citizens of Joliet, where he has been since 1906. He was born in Luxemburg, Germany, June 20, 1880, the son of Donald and Catherine (Merbach) Sholtes.

Donald Sholtes was a stone cutter by trade and spent his entire life in Luxemburg. Both he and his wife are deceased. They had the following children: Anna, Harry, Susanna, and Margaret, live in Luxemburg; Nicholas, the subject of this sketch; Susie, and Joseph, who live in Joliet.

Nicholas Sholtes attended the schools of Merrtzych, in his native land, and early in life learned the stone cutter's trade, being associated with his father's business until 1906. At that time he emigrated to the United States and settled in Joliet. He has engaged in the stone contracting business in this city since 1924. His place of business is located at 2604 North Broadway.

On Nov. 17, 1903, Mr. Sholtes was united in marriage with Miss Barbara Fonck, who was born in Germany Oct. 18, 1884. She died Aug. 6, 1924, and is buried in St. John's Cemetery, Joliet. To Mr. and Mrs. Sholtes were born 11 children: Catherine, born Jan. 21, 1904, died in infancy; Ferdinand, born Jan. 31, 1905, married Miss Mary Denver, Joliet, and they have a son, Donald; Nicholas, Jr., born May 4, 1906, at home; Catherine, born Oct. 10, 1907, married George Korell, Joliet, and they have a daughter, Joyce Marie; Marie, born Nov. 11, 1908; Peter, born Sept. 22, 1910; August, born July 6, 1912; Henry, born June 9, 1915; Agnes, born Aug. 26, 1918; Joseph, born Dec. 2, 1920, died Dec. 21, 1922; William, born June 20, 1923.

Politically Mr. Sholtes is a Republican. He and his family hold membership in St. John's Catholic Church.

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**Wesley R. Hollstein.**—One of the prominent young men of Will County, interested in educational work, is Mr. Wesley R. Hollstein, who is principal of Sedan Prairie School, Frankfort, Ill. He was born in Frankfort, Dec. 1, 1890, and is a son of Charles C. and Catherine (Andres) Hollstein.

Charles C. Hollstein and his wife were both born in Orlando Township, Cook County, Ill., and now reside in Frankfort. Charles C. Hollstein worked on his father's farm until he was 22 years of age, and then purchased a farm of 160 acres of land located two miles south of Frankfort, where he did general farming. He later acquired more land and now is the owner of 275 acres, practically all of which is under cultivation. He retired from active farming in 1916. He is a Republican and a member of the German Methodist Episcopal Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Hollstein seven children were born: Wesley R., the subject of this sketch; Viola, married Gilbert Sayers, a farmer of Orland Township; Florence, a graduate nurse on the staff of the Silver Cross Hospital, Joliet; Celia, a nurse on the staff of Silver Cross Hospital; Esther,

married Henry Heusner, of Frankfort; Milton, married Alice Voss, is a farmer of Frankfort Township; and Adella, married William Schoeling, a farmer of Frankfort Township.

Wesley R. Hollstein received his elementary school training in the public schools of Frankfort. He attended Valparaiso University, and began his teaching career in the Will County schools. For seven years he operated his own farm. In 1924 he was appointed principal of the Sedan Prairie School, in which capacity he is now serving.

In 1918 Mr. Hollstein was married to Miss Lydia Esslinger, a daughter of Rev. William and Rose (Schleicher) Esslinger, natives of Germany. He was a German Methodist minister and is now deceased. His widow resides at Royal Oak, Mich. Mrs. Hollstein is a graduate of a German college, and she also studied in Paris, Italy, and Russia, and is a very accomplished young woman.

Mr. Hollstein is a Republican, a member of the English Methodist Episcopal Church, and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America.

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Henry Frederick Koerner, highway commissioner of Will County, has not found it necessary or expedient to go outside the borders of his native county to find a field for successful achievement, his entire business career having been spent in Joliet. He was born in this city, where the Masonic Temple now stands, on Sept. 12, 1864, a son of Valentine and Mary (Reitz) Koerner.

Valentine Koerner and his wife were both natives of Germany, where they were married. They came to the United States in early life and were among the earliest settlers of Joliet. Mr. Koerner was a stone mason and followed this until he met with an accident in 1863 while building the Will County jail. He died from the effects of this injury in July, 1864. His wife is also deceased and they are buried in Joliet. They were devout members of the German Lutheran Church. There were eight children in the Koerner family: Charles, deceased, buried at Joliet; Jacob, deceased, buried in Lockport, Ill.; Barbara, Minnie and Catherine, all deceased, buried in Joliet; Adam, deceased, buried in Manhattan, Ill.; John, lives at Ottawa, Ill.; and Henry Frederick, the subject of this sketch.

Henry Frederick Koerner attended the public schools of Joliet. He then engaged in the teaming and landscaping business, and practically did all the landscaping on the Joliet school grounds. He was interested

in this business for 34 years, and at all times employed from 10 to 12 teams and 35 to 40 men.

In April, 1924, Mr. Koerner was elected highway commissioner of Joliet Township for a four year term.

On June 15, 1888, Mr. Koerner was married to Miss Ida Lingle, a daughter of Henry and Barbara Lingle, natives of Pennsylvania. They are both deceased and are buried in Jackson Township, Will County. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Koerner: Harlow, deceased, buried at Joliet; Hazel, married A. Krouse, lives at Joliet; Edith, married J. A. Manning, Joliet, and they have two children, Clarine and Beverly; and Gertrude, at home.

Mr. Koerner is a Republican in politics and is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 296; and Stevenson Camp, Modern Woodmen of America. He has an excellent standing in Joliet and is highly esteemed.

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**Henry G. Luhring**, general manager of the Frankfort Grain Company, Frankfort, Ill., was born in New Lenox Township, Will County, Sept. 24, 1880. He is a son of Christian and Margaret (Haake) Luhring.

Christian Luhring was born in Hanover County, Germany, May 16, 1845. He came to the United States in 1868 and located in Joliet where he was employed by John Snoth, of New Lenox Township, who was a dealer in hogs. In 1870 Mr. Luhring removed to New Lenox Township and remained there until 1891 when he purchased a farm in Frankfort Township, consisting of 160 acres. He lived on this farm until his death, which occurred Dec. 1, 1899. He is buried in Frankfort Cemetery. He was a Democrat and a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church. His widow, who was born in Beryde Bryon, Germany, Feb. 27, 1846, lives in Frankfort. To Mr. and Mrs. Luhring five children were born: Christian, engaged in farming in Frankfort Township; Frank, retired, lives at Frankfort; John, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history; Henry G., the subject of this sketch; Amelia, married Paul Christiansen, a dairyman and farmer of Frankfort Township.

Henry G. Luhring spent his boyhood on his father's farm and attended the public schools of New Lenox and Frankfort Townships. He engaged in farming until his marriage. In 1905 he operated a farm of 160 acres as a dairy farm which he continued until 1914. On May 1,

1914, he, with Emil O. Weber organized the Frankfort-Spencer Grain Company. It was incorporated in that year and Mr. Luhring became general manager and a director. A few years later the name of the company was changed to the Frankfort Grain Company. Mr. Luhring resigned as a director, but is still acting in the capacity of general manager. This is one of the largest grain houses of the kind in Will County, and has a well established business.

On Feb. 24, 1905, Mr. Luhring was married to Elvina Hinspeter, a daughter of Fred and Bertha (Stockfish) Hinspeter, natives of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Hinspeter were married in Will County. Mr. Hinspeter was a farmer of that county during his life time. He died July 6, 1925, and is buried in Frankfort, where his widow now resides.

Mr. Luhring is a Republican in politics. He has served as village trustee for four years, and is a member of the Industrial Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America, Consul Post four years; Mount Joliet Lodge, A. F. & A. M. No. 42. Mr. and Mrs. Luhring are members of St. Peter's Evangelical Church. Mr. Luhring is a substantial and reliable citizen and has many friends in Will County where he has spent his entire life.

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Harry W. Storm, well known as the leading dairy farmer of New Lenox Township, is also vice president of the New Lenox State Bank. He was born on a farm in New Lenox Township, Will County, Aug. 9, 1874, the son of James and Carrie (Haley) Storm.

James Storm, deceased, was a native of Scotland. He came to the United States with his parents during the early days and settled in Homer Township, Will County, where he became a farmer. He died in 1877 and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Joliet. His wife, a native of Canada, later married Charles Frank, who served as a member of the Chicago police force for many years. He is also deceased and is buried at Washington Heights, Ill. Mrs. Frank is buried at New Lenox, Ill. Harry W., the subject of this sketch, is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Storm.

Harry W. Storm attended the public schools of Morley, Ill., and is a graduate of Lockport High School. After completing his schooling he was employed in his uncle's store at Morley for four years and soon after his marriage Mr. Storm went into partnership with his father-



in-law, Abner Gillette, in the dairy business on the Gillette homestead in New Lenox Township. Since the death of Mr. Gillette the farm has been owned by Mr. Storm. It is the finest dairy farm in this section of the county and contains 297 acres of well improved land. Mr. Storm has 60 head of stock in his dairy herd and raises pure bred Holstein stock exclusively. The market for his dairy products is in Joliet. Mr. Storm was one of the organizers of the New Lenox State Bank and has served as vice president of the institution since the date of its organization.

Mr. Storm was married in 1895 to Miss Jennie Gillette, the daughter of Abner and Ellen (Gorham) Gillette, early settlers of Will County, having come here from the East. Mr. Gillette was an extensive sheep raiser and dairy farmer. He served during the Civil War as a member of the 39th Volunteer Illinois Infantry. Both he and his wife are deceased and are buried at New Lenox. Mr. and Mrs. Storm have a daughter, Grace, who is the wife of Irvin Jensen, and they have two children, Harlow Robert and Marjorie. They live on the Storm homestead.

Mr. Storm is a Republican and has served as local school director for the past 32 years. He is a member of the Methodist church and belongs to the Will County Farm Bureau.

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**Ernest G. Oram**, one of the leading agriculturists of New Lenox Township and highly esteemed residents of Will County, is a native of England. He was born in Somersetshire, West Pennard, Nov. 15, 1869, the son of George and Eliza (Walker) Oram.

George Oram, who lives retired in New Lenox Township, was born in England in 1837. His wife was born in 1847. He engaged in the cattle business before coming to the United States in 1894 and after his arrival here engaged in general farming and stock raising. Mr. Oram, retired in 1910. He is a Republican and a member of the Episcopal Church. There are five children in the Oram family, as follows: Ernest G., the subject of this sketch; William and Alfred, who live at Joliet; Sarah, the widow of John Peterson, lives at home; and Nellie, married Albert Wasan, farmer, lives at Waterloo, Iowa.

Ernest G. Oram received his education in the schools of West Pennard, England, and in 1888 came to this country. He settled in New

Lenox Township, where he was employed on the farm of Abel Bliss. In 1901 he purchased 117 acres of well improved land in this township and since that date has ranked among the leading dairy farmers of Will County. Mr. Oram was one of the organizers of the New Lenox State Bank and is a director.

In 1891 Mr. Oram was united in marriage with Miss Lucy Creed, the daughter of Edmund and Mary Creed, natives of England, both now deceased. There are five children in the Oram family: Albert, a World War veteran, lives at home; Hubert, at home; Mabel, married Worthington Mooney, lives at New Lenox, and they have two children, Edward and Mabel; Alice, at home; and Ernest G., Jr., attends the University of Iowa.

Mr. Oram is a Republican and has been road commissioner of New Lenox Township for the past 14 years. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is prominent in church affairs.

Mr. Oram is also treasurer of the New Lenox Mutual Insurance Company.

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**H. A. Goodson** is well known among the successful business men of Plainfield, where he has been a building contractor for many years. He is also president of the local school board. Mr. Goodson was born in Plainfield Township, Will County, Jan. 13, 1877, the son of William and Sarah (Broom) Goodson.

William Goodson was born in England in 1834. His wife was born in the same country in 1837. Shortly after their marriage they came to the United States and settled in Will County, where Mr. Goodson became a prosperous farmer, being the owner of 186 acres of land in Plainfield Township. He died in 1908 and his wife died in 1911. They are buried in the Plainfield Cemetery. To Mr. and Mrs. Goodson were born 11 children, of whom H. A., the subject of this sketch, is the tenth in order of birth.

H. A. Goodson attended the public and high schools of Plainfield and spent his boyhood on his father's farm. Early in life he learned the carpenter trade and remained in the employ of J. W. Prescott for 15 years. In 1904 he engaged in business for himself and became one of the leading building contractors of the county. During 1924 and 1925 he was in partnership with C. F. Harton. Mr. Goodson has erected some

of the finest homes in the city, among which may be mentioned the residence of F. S. Pratt.

Mr. Goodson was married on March 14, 1901, to Miss Sarah Sebby, of Sheridan, Ill., the daughter of Ole and Linnie (Anderson) Sebby, natives of Norway and early settlers of Illinois. To them were born two sons: Milton LeRoy, a graduate of Plainfield High School, now in the employ of the Chicago Bell Telephone Company; and William O., a graduate of Plainfield High School, contractor, lives at Plainfield.

Mr. Goodson has always been a Republican. He served as township supervisor during 1924 and 1925 and also has been village clerk. In 1920 he was elected a member of the Plainfield school board and has served as president of that body since 1927. He is an active member of the Methodist Church and belongs to the Masonic lodge, Eastern Star, and Modern Woodmen of America. He and his family have a wide acquaintance throughout Will County and are highly esteemed.

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Walter C. Reed is among the enterprising young business men of Lockport, where he is authorized dealer for the Chevrolet automobile. He was born in Joliet, July 9, 1893, the son of Carson and Catherine (Hoffman) Reed.

Carson Reed was born in Homer Township, Will County, and has spent practically his entire life in Joliet and Lockport. He is a machinist by trade and is employed at the Champion Machine Company, Lockport. He is a Republican. Margaret Reed, the paternal grand-mother of Walter C. Reed, lives on the old Reed homestead in Homer Township. She is 90 years of age. To Mr. and Mrs. Carson Reed three sons were born: Nelson, lives at Lockport; Walter C., the subject of this sketch; and Stephen, lives at Lockport, is a veteran of the World War. He served in France with the Engineering Corps and was twice wounded. He was discharged from Camp Dix, N. J.

Walter C. Reed spent his boyhood at Lockport and has always been interested in the automobile business. In 1917 he opened the first garage in Lockport. He has an up-to-date repair shop and deals in automobile accessories. His business is located at 721 State Street.

On Sept. 17, 1917, Mr. Reed was united in marriage with Miss Clara M. Beck, of Lockport Township, born July 28, 1894. She is the daughter of John and Lena (Dieter) Beck, natives of Will County, and the

parents of the following children: Edward, lives in Lockport Township; Louise, married George Reeder, lives at Dwight, Ill.; Clarence, lives at Cleveland, Ohio; John, Jr., lives at Essex, Ill.; and Clara M. Reed. Mr. Beck is deceased. His widow resides at Lockport. To Mr. and Mrs. Reed were born three children: Walter C., Jr., born Sept. 21, 1918, died Nov. 27, 1918; Lois, born Dec. 17, 1919; and Marjorie, born May 2, 1921.

Mr. Reed is serving as city treasurer of Lockport and is also captain of the local fire department. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus and Modern Woodmen of America.

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**Joseph Tryner** is among the representative citizens of Braidwood, where he is a director of the First National Bank. He was born in Czecho-Slovakia, May 18, 1866, the son of Joseph and Mary (Liska) Tryner.

Joseph Tryner, deceased, was a native of Czecho-Slovakia. In 1866 he brought his family to the United States and settled in Chicago, but the following year removed to Braidwood. Mr. Tryner was a carpenter by trade and was employed in the coal mines here also for a number of years. He died in 1881 and his wife died in 1890. Both are buried at Braidwood. They had the following children: Joseph, the subject of this sketch; Betty, married Joseph Machovoc, lives at Braidwood; Rose, married Frank Kristfeck, lives in Chicago; James and Bessie, both deceased; Anna, married Joseph Kurar, lives in Iowa; and Mary, deceased.

Joseph Tryner grew up in Braidwood and early in life entered the coal mines with his father. He followed in this work continuously until 1914 and for many years was employed with George E. Brennan, the nationally known Democrat of Illinois, who is now deceased. Mr. Tryner left the mines in 1914 and engaged in truck gardening near Braidwood, having purchased a small tract of land in Reed Township. He now lives there retired.

Mr. Tryner was married on Dec. 31, 1890, to Miss Mary Kuda, who was born in Czecho-Slovakia, Feb. 2, 1870, the daughter of James and Mary (Smithka) Kuda, both deceased. They had the following children: Mary Tryner; Anna, married Joseph Klaptch, lives at Traverse City, Mich.; Louie, farmer, lives in Reed Township; Benjamin, lives at Wilmington; Frank, lives in Grundy County, Ill.; Pawley, married John

Vilt, lives at Coal City, Ill.; Vlasta, married Frank Brochek, lives at Wilmington; and Vlina, deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Tryner were born ten children, as follows: Rose, born March 9, 1892, married Frank Smerz, lives in Chicago, and they have two children, Mary and Frank; Bessie, born Oct. 4, 1893, married Thomas Berger, lives in Reed Township, and they have three children, Anthony, Thomas, and Shirley May; James, born Oct. 16, 1895, lives in Chicago, is a World War veteran; Frank, Chicago, is married and has two children, Norma and Frank, Jr.; Joseph, born Aug. 15, 1899, Chicago; Charlie, born March 27, 1901, married Miss Edith DePratt, and they have two children, Bobbie and Irene; Anthony, born Feb. 27, 1903, Chicago; Anna, born April 1, 1905, married Mathew Youngman, Chicago; John, born May 1, 1907, Chicago; and Joseph, born March 28, 1891, died in infancy.

Politically, Mr. Tryner is a Republican. He is the oldest foreign born citizen living at Braidwood and is active in all work pertaining to the Americanization of the foreigners who settle in Will County. He has been a member of the local school board for eight years. It was Mr. Tryner who was instrumental in having the Diamond mine disaster memorial erected about 1890.

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**DeWitt L. Bolton**, one of Wilmington's enterprising young business men, is a native of Will County, and a veteran of the World War. He was born at Joliet, Nov. 15, 1901, the son of Hugh H. and Marie (Beatty) Bolton.

Hugh H. Bolton, who is serving as commissioner of Joliet, is a well known resident of Will County. He was born in Joliet and has spent his entire life there. He served as postmaster for four years during the administration of President Harding, and is now serving his second term as commissioner. He is a Republican, a member of the Central Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge. He is also connected with the First National Bank of Joliet, being identified with its publicity department. Mr. and Mrs. Bolton have three children: DeWitt, the subject of this sketch; Mildred and Virginia, who attend Joliet Township High School.

DeWitt L. Bolton received his education in the public school and following his graduation from Joliet Township High School in 1921 he entered the employ of the Michigan Central Railway Company. After two years he went with the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railroad,

and later was connected with the Standard Oil Company. He spent one year as a salesman for Liggett & Myers, and in 1923 located at Wilmington. He owns and operates a gasoline service station on the State highway near Wilmington, Route No. 4.

On July 27, 1925, Mr. Bolton married Miss Mary Lewis, who was born at Divernon, Ill., April 12, 1905, the daughter of William and Eliza (Bath) Lewis, of Braceville, Ill. Mr. Lewis died Feb. 20, 1924, and his widow lives at Joliet. They had two children: Mary Bolton; and Walter, who died while in service during the World War. He was 21 years of age.

Mr. Bolton is a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church. He belongs to the Eagles Lodge. During the World War he enlisted for service in the United States Navy, and was stationed at Chicago.

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**Adam G. White**, deceased, was among the earliest settlers and most prominent pioneers of Will County, where he located in 1845. He was born in Seneca County, N. Y., May 3, 1838, the son of Adam and Margaret (Watson) White.

Adam White came to the United States from Scotland early in life and settled in Seneca County, N. Y. He later lived in Pennsylvania and in 1845 brought his family to Will County and settled in Florence Township, where he became the owner of 280 acres of land. He was identified with the Whig party and later was a Republican. Both he and his wife were members of the Scotch Presbyterian Church. Mr. White died Jan. 24, 1866, and his wife, who was born May 19, 1802, died Feb. 28, 1873. They are buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Mr. and Mrs. White were the parents of 12 children, all of whom are deceased.

Alfred G. White attended the district schools of Wilmington and Florence Townships. Throughout his life he was interested in general farming and stock raising and was the owner of 253 acres of land. He specialized in the raising of grain and was also an extensive shipper of stock. Mr. White died April 14, 1922, and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery.

On Feb. 16, 1864, Mr. White was united in marriage with Miss Amy E. Crisler, who was born in Shelby County, Ind., Feb. 1, 1841, the daughter of Benjamin A. and Elizabeth (Ann) (French) Crisler. Mr. Crisler was born in Kentucky, Feb. 21, 1815, and his wife was born

at Lebanon, Ohio, April 18, 1820. In 1849 they settled in Grundy County, Ill., on a farm in Braceville Township. Mr. Crisler was a Republican, and a member of the Presbyterian Church, of which he was an Elder. He also belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Crisler died Oct. 18, 1896, and his wife died Nov. 6, 1899. They are buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Wilmington. There were five children in the Crisler family: Elizabeth Ann White; Nellie, the widow of Levi Haynes, lives at Arlington Heights, Ill.; Gertrude A., and Eugenia Julia, who live at Wilmington; and Allen V., lives at Glenellyn, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. White had no children. Before her marriage Mrs. White was a teacher in the schools of Braceville Township, Grundy County.

Mr. White was a life long Republican and cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. He served as mayor of Wilmington for two terms, and was one of the strongest advocates of temperance in Will County. He was a Ruling Elder of the Presbyterian Church for almost fifty years.

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**Edmund J. Hazel**, owner and editor of the Wilmington Advocate News, took up the newspaper business and profession when a boy and is recognized as one of the capable newspaper men of Will County. He was born at Petrolia, Canada, Sept. 6, 1866.

Mr. Hazel was educated in the public schools and was a small boy when his family came to the United States and settled at Port Huron, Mich. His first newspaper experience was with the Port Huron Times, and he was later Western representative for the Walter Scott Company, manufacturers of printing machinery, Chicago. In 1901 he purchased the Coal City (Ill.) Courant News, of which he is still the owner. In January, 1922, Mr. Hazel purchased the Wilmington Advocate News, a weekly newspaper which was founded in June, 1870. His wife, Lennie Hazel, has been associated with him since 1901.

On Nov. 5, 1890, Mr. Hazel married Miss Lennie A. Lindsay, of Mackinaw, Ill., the daughter of Felix E. and Mary J. (Sparks) Lindsay. Mr. Lindsay, a native of Illinois, died March 15, 1901. His wife died Feb. 15, 1901. They are buried at Mackinaw, Ill. Mr. Lindsay was a Republican and a deacon of the Disciples Church. Throughout his life he engaged in general farming and was the owner of 240 acres of land. There were four children in the Lindsay family: Florence A., married Wilson S. Mauker, lives at Scott City, Kan.; Evelyn L., the widow of

Z. T. Davis, lives at Winona, Kan.; Charles E., lives at Decatur, Ill., where he is claim adjuster for the Illinois Central Railroad; and Lennie Hazel. Mr. and Mrs. Hazel have a son, Lyle Lindsay, who was born in Chicago, March 14, 1892. He married Miss Nellie E. Vickers, of Iowa, and they had two children: Edmund Lindsay, born March 1, 1917, died Nov. 5, 1924; and Richard William, born May 2, 1925. Mr. and Mrs. Hazel live in Chicago.

Mr. Hazel is identified with the Republican party in politics and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge and Knights of Pythias. He is a Sunday School teacher in the Methodist Church. His wife is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, being secretary of the Wilmington Unit of Will County. She also belongs to the Republican Woman's Club, Eastern Star, and is a charter member of the Daughters of Scotia. Her father's family came here from Nova Scotia in 1735. Two of her great-grandfathers fought in the American Revolution. She spent her early life at Normal, Ill., and before her marriage was a teacher in the schools of Abingdon.

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**Otto Hartmann**, one of the well known residents of Lockport and highly esteemed citizen of Will County, is a native of Illinois. He was born in Chicago, Dec. 2, 1866, the son of Frederick and Caroline (Boltenweck) Hartmann.

Frederick Hartmann was born in Germany and came to the United States in 1855. He settled in Chicago, where he was one of the pioneers in the sheet metal business, his business being located at Jackson and Clark streets. Mr. Hartmann died March 25, 1898, and his wife died in 1920. They are buried in Graceland Cemetery, Chicago. Mr. Hartmann was a Republican, and was one of the founders of the German Lutheran Church in Chicago. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hartmann: Louise, the widow of Otto Seibenmenn, lives in Chicago; Clara, the widow of Herman Knocke, lives in Chicago; Otto, the subject of this sketch; Martha, married John Ludwig, lives in Chicago; and Fred, lives in Texas.

Otto Hartmann attended the public schools of Chicago, and when 13 years of age entered his father's employ. He was interested in the sheet metal business until 1900, at which time he removed to Lockport, where he was connected with the Sanitary District until 1922, in charge of the controlling department. For several years he owned



and operated a service station at Clay and Collins street, Joliet, and in September, 1926, he established his present business at Lockport. He is the proprietor of a recreation hall at 1000 State Street, which is well patronized.

On Dec. 11, 1890, Mr. Hartmann married Miss Minnie Thilk, of Niles Center, Ill. To them were born three children: Walter, born in Chicago, Oct. 19, 1891, lives in Chicago, married Cora Drew, and they have a child, Alita Gale, born in June, 1920; Lillian, born in Chicago in 1894, lives at home; and Fred, born in Chicago, May 10, 1895, lives at Lockport, where he is connected with the engineering department of the Illinois Steel Company. He was married Oct. 26, 1921, to Miss Viola Krieger, who was born at Lockport, Jan. 17, 1901. They have a son, Frederick, Jr., born at Lockport, Sept. 7, 1923. Mr. Hartmann is a veteran of the World War, having served in France with Company A, 139th Machine Gun Battalion, 39th Regiment. He was discharged at Camp Grant, Ill., in March, 1919.

Mr. Hartmann is a member of the Methodist Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge. He is a Republican.

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**Frank B. Dooley** is a highly esteemed citizen of Lockport, where he has been in the employ of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railroad for more than 25 years. He was born on a farm in Jackson Township, Will County, June 1, 1879, the son of Patrick F. and Sarah M. (Brown) Dooley.

Patrick F. Dooley settled on a farm in Jackson Township in 1849. He became one of the prosperous farmers of the county and the owner of 120 acres of land. He was a Democrat and served as justice of the peace. Mr. Dooley died in 1906 and his wife died during the same year. They are buried in Brown Cemetery, near Joliet. To Mr. and Mrs. Dooley were born eight children, as follows: Susan, married Ira B. Kazar, lives at Normal, Ill.; Eleanor, deceased, was the wife of John T. Randall; Gertrude, married Dr. Kent Cross, lives at Denver, Colo.; Sarah F., lives in Chicago; Cline, deceased; Frank B., the subject of this sketch; May, married Jesse Smith, lives at Norman, Okla.; and William, deceased.

Frank B. Dooley was educated in the public schools and early in life entered the employ of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railroad, after having spent two years as a brakeman on the Chicago & Alton Rail-

road. He began as a switchman in May, 1902, and for the past 15 years has served as assistant yard master. He is the owner of 280 acres of land in Oklahoma.

On Oct. 16, 1907, Mr. Dooley married Miss Emma Diehl, who was born at Lockport, May 20, 1884, the daughter of Peter and Margaret (Adelman) Diehl, natives of Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Diehl, who live retired at Lockport, are the parents of the following children: Emma Dooley; Josephine, the widow of Edward O'Neil, lives at Chicago; Augusta, lives at Chicago; Minnie, deceased; Peter, died in service in France during the World War, buried in Lockport Cemetery; Bertha, deceased, was the wife of Dr. Ralph B. Harphman, of Lockport; Florence, married Dr. Ralph B. Harphman; Henry, lives near Plainfield, Ill.; and Helen, at home. To Mr. and Mrs. Dooley have been born three children: Sarah Marie, born Feb. 13, 1909, a graduate of Lockport High School; William, born March 8, 1911; and Grace, born July 13, 1916.

Mr. Dooley is a Democrat, a member of the Catholic Church, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias, loyal Order of Moose and other local organizations.

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**Frank Sloan**, who is serving as township assessor of Lockport Township, is a substantial and well known citizen of Lockport, where he was born Feb. 19, 1863. He is the son of James and Mary (Cavanaugh) Sloan.

James Sloan, deceased, was a native of Ireland. He was among the first settlers of Will County and during the early days was employed on the canal near Lockport as a lock tender. He spent nine years at Bridgeport and was then located at Jack's Lock for 14 years. When the lock was taken out in 1871 Mr. Sloan retired and spent the remainder of his life at Lockport, where he died in 1888. His wife, also a native of Ireland, died in 1903. Both are buried in the Lockport Cemetery. Mr. Sloan was a life long Democrat and a member of the Catholic church. There were six children in the Sloan family, as follows: John Francis, died at the age of four years; William T., lives in Chicago; James H., lives in Chicago; Mary W., twin sister of James H., died in 1925; Frank, the subject of this sketch; and Edward I., lives retired at Lockport.

The education of Frank Sloan was received in the public schools of Lockport. He learned the plumber's trade, which he followed until 1896. Mr. Sloan was then appointed postmaster of Lockport and served

in that capacity until 1901. Since that date he has operated a plumbing and tinning shop in Lockport. Besides serving as township assessor he has been mayor of Lockport for two terms.

On April 24, 1901, Mr. Sloan was united in marriage with Miss Nellie A. King, who was born at Lockport, Oct. 25, 1871, the daughter of Lawrence and Winifred (Ryan) King, natives of Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. King, pioneer settlers of Lockport, were the parents of the following children: Mary Ellen, Christopher, Margaret, William, Julia, and John, all deceased; and Nellie A. Sloan. Mr. King died in 1892 and his wife died in 1900. They are buried in the Lockport Cemetery. To Mr. and Mrs. Sloan were born three children: Dorothy, born Jan. 27, 1902, was married on Sept. 26, 1924, to Clarence Miller, of Lockport, and they have two children, Marion, born in January, 1925, and Winifred, born April 10, 1926; John, born Nov. 2, 1904, lives at home; and Winifred, born Jan. 26, 1907, died in 1915.

Mr. Sloan and his family hold membership in the Catholic church and are highly esteemed members of the community in which they live.

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**Victor Ahlvin**, building contractor, is prominent in the city of Joliet, where he has engaged in business for a period of 30 years. He is a native of Sweden, born March 27, 1864.

Mr. Ahlvin came to the United States in 1884 and located almost immediately at Joliet, where he followed his trade as a carpenter. Three years later he engaged in the building and contracting business. Mr. Ahlvin has specialized in the building of fine homes and also has erected numerous public buildings, among which may be mentioned the Washington Street School in Joliet and the apartment building at 211 North Nicholson Street.

On Nov. 26, 1890, Mr. Ahlvin was married to Miss Hilda Johnson, who was born in Sweden, Dec. 11, 1864. They have five children, as follows: Martin, civil engineer, lives in Joliet; Ebba, married Earl Frazier, construction engineer, lives at Rock Island, Ill.; Robert, attorney, a veteran of the World War, lives in Chicago; Reno, M. D., a veteran of the World War, lives in Joliet; and Irwin, who is associated with his father's business in Joliet.

Politically, Mr. Ahlvin has always been a Republican. He is a member of the Swedish Lutheran Church in Joliet. Mrs. Ahlvin died Nov. 2, 1926, and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Joliet.

**Peter A. Goodmanson**, one of the most popular men of Joliet, a progressive and energetic business man, is a native of Sweden, born Feb. 21, 1857.

Peter A. Goodmanson was educated in the public schools of his native land and came to the United States in 1888. As a young man he learned the carpenter's trade and was thus engaged for nine years before coming to America. After his arrival in Illinois he settled at Joliet, where he has been interested in the building and contracting business for more than 40 years. He was one of the organizers of the Joliet Calendar Company, of which he served as vice president for a number of years. He is now a director of the company.

Among the hundreds of fine residences built by Mr. Goodmanson in Joliet may be mentioned the following: John D'Arcy, Louis Moore, W. J. Fitzgibbons, N. J. Comerford, H. A. Stillman, F. C. H. Arentz, and George Langford.

Mr. Goodmanson was married in Sweden to Miss Eva Larson, who died in that country many years ago. They had two children: Charlotte, married Charles W. Bradley, lives at Joliet, and they have four children, Leonard C., Wilbur A., Marian E., and Richard, all students; and Elsie, married Joseph W. Johnson, lives at Joliet, and they have two children, Stanley Peter, and Gordon Alfred, both students.

Mr. Goodmanson is a member of the Lutheran Church and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge. He lives at 904 Prairie Avenue, Joliet.

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**Robert G. Manning**, popular garage owner of Lockport, is a native of Will County. He was born on a farm in Wheatland Township, June 22, 1882, the son of Robert and Anna (Thompson) Manning.

Robert Manning, who lives retired in England, is a native of that country, born Dec. 24, 1857. He came to the United States in 1870 and settled on a farm in Wheatland Township. Later he engaged in the meat business at Aurora, Ill., but returned to Will County in 1896 and purchased a farm in Lockport Township. After his retirement he returned to England to reside. His wife, a native of Wheatland Township, Will County, lives at Joliet. There were four children in the Manning family: Robert G., the subject of this sketch; Nina, married Peter Aspel, lives at Joliet; John, lives at Joliet; and Janet, married Arthur Strubell, lives at Toledo, Ohio.

Robert G. Manning was educated in the Lockport Township schools and engaged in farming with his father until 1914. He then came to

Lockport and opened a garage at 1110 State Street. In 1923 the business was moved to 431 East 11th Street, Mr. Manning having sold his interests in the former location. During his long career as an automobile man he has had the local agency for the Ford, Velie, Jackson, Overland, and Reo cars. Mr. Manning is an expert mechanic and has always been known for his dependability and trustworthiness.

On June 22, 1911, Mr. Manning was united in marriage with Miss Florence Purdy, who was born at Joliet, Nov. 4, 1888, the daughter of William H. and Louise (Beck) Purdy. Mr. Purdy died in 1918 and his widow lives at Lockport. They had four children: William, deceased; Florence Manning; Olive, married Frank Miller, lives at Lockport; and Bert, farmer, lives in Homer Township, Will County. To Mr. and Mrs. Manning have been born four children: Donald, Lois, Phyllis, and Ruth.

Mr. Manning is a Republican and has served for six years as alderman of Lockport. He is a member of the Congregational church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

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**Eugene Molaschi.**—Active and progressive in business, Eugene Molaschi is well known in Joliet, where he has engaged in the contracting and stone mason business since 1912. He was born in Italy, Sept. 28, 1880, the son of Alexander and Mary (Barabaschi) Molaschi.

Alexander Molaschi, has spent his entire life in Italy. He is a merchant at Piacenza, Rivergaro, where he deals in tobacco. He served in the Italian army for a number of years. His wife died in 1883. Eugene, the subject of this sketch, was their only child.

In early youth Eugene Molaschi emigrated to the United States. After a year in New York City he came to Illinois where he spent three years with the Tuloko Coal Company, at Tuloko. He came to Joliet in 1909 where he entered the employ of the Newkirk & Powers Construction Company. Three years later he engaged in business for himself. He manufactures cement blocks and specializes in concrete mason work.

On Oct. 14, 1904, Mr. Molaschi married Miss Jessie Stungis, who was born in Lithuania, July 15, 1886, the daughter of Joseph and Amelia (Matthews) Stungis. Mr. Stungis came to the United States many years ago and settled at Spring Valley, Ill. Several years ago he returned to Lithuania where he now resides. His wife died in 1910 and is buried at Spring Valley. To Mr. and Mrs. Stungis were born five children: Lewis, deceased; Elizabeth, married John Galnites, lives

at Spring Valley; Jessie Molaschi; Vincent, lives at Spring Valley; and Joseph, lives at Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Molaschi are the parents of four children: Frank, born Feb. 21, 1906; Christopher, born Dec. 25, 1909; Alexander, born Dec. 26, 1912; and Emily, born Oct. 20, 1920.

Mr. Molaschi is a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church and is affiliated with the various Italian Societies of this city.

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**Charles A. Johnson** is well and favorably known in Lockport, where he is connected with Palmer & Dillman as bookkeeper. He was born at Calumet, Mich., Jan. 7, 1880, the son of Nils Daniel and Anna Ottila (Johnson) Johnson.

Nils Daniel Johnson was born in Sweden. He came to this country about 1870 and settled in Illinois, later removing to Calumet, Mich., where he spent three years. He then went to Chicago, where he was employed at his trade as a stone cutter. He died March 7, 1902, and is buried in the Lockport Cemetery. His wife is also deceased. Mr. Johnson was a Republican and a member of the Swedish Lutheran Church. There were five children in the Johnson family: Christina, deceased; Mary, lives at Lockport; Charles A., the subject of this sketch; Helen A., deceased; and Sophia Olivia, twin sister of Helen A., married John Swenson, lives in Canada.

The boyhood of Charles A. Johnson was spent in Chicago and Lockport and he was educated in the public schools. He attended Metropolitan Business College after having been employed for nine years as a locksmith. He then spent seven years in the employ of the Chicago & Joliet Electric Company and resigned as assistant cashier to accept a position with the Standard Oil Company as bookkeeper. In 1916 he became associated with Palmer & Dillman in Lockport as a bookkeeper and has continued in that capacity to the present time.

On Dec. 3, 1910, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage with Miss Anna Nelson, who was born in Sweden, Aug. 12, 1887, the daughter of Carl and Emma (Frederickson) Nelson, natives of Sweden and the parents of the following children: Nels, lives at Lamont, Ill.; Albertina, deceased, was the wife of Abel Swenson; Amanda, married John Nolberg, lives at Lamont, Ill.; Charlotte, died at the age of 24 years; John, lives in Chicago; Charles, lives in Chicago; Andrew, lives in Chicago; Anna Johnson; and Arthur, lives in Chicago. Mr. Nelson died April 19, 1909, and his wife died Aug. 18, 1907. They are buried in the La-

mont (Ill.) Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have three sons: Carl E., born June 4, 1912; Lawrence A., born Nov. 6, 1913; and Vernon A., born July 31, 1915.

Mr. Johnson is a Republican and is serving as school director. He is a deacon of the Congregational church and is prominent in all civic affairs in the community in which he lives.

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**Reed Voight.**—Born and reared in Joliet, Reed Voight now ranks among the city's successful young business men. He is identified with the Voight Brothers Motor Company 407-09 North Joliet Street. Mr. Voight is the son of Frederick and Angelina (Singeltery) Voight.

Frederick Voight was born in Chicago Feb. 28, 1857, and his wife was born in England, Nov. 16, 1858. They have been residents of Lockport and Joliet since 1863, and Mr. Voight has taken an active part in local politics for many years. He is a Democrat, and has served as justice of the peace and police magistrate. He is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Voight lives at 229 East Seventh Street. There were six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Voight: Elsie, deceased; Logan, mechanical engineer, lives at Lockport, is a World War veteran; Alger, mention of whom is made below; Reed, the subject of this sketch; and two children died in infancy.

Reed Voight was educated in the public schools of Lockport and in early youth became interested in the automobile business. In 1916 he organized the Voight Brothers Motor Company, in partnership with his brother Alger. They removed to their present location in 1923. They operate one of the city's well equipped garages.

On May 11, 1918, Mr. Voight married Miss Theresa Hanson, who was born at Lockport, June 16, 1899. They have two sons: Earl, born Sept. 27, 1919; and Donald, born Sept. 4, 1920.

During the World War Mr. Voight enlisted for service May 29, 1918, and was sent to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, where he was assigned to the 139th Field Artillery. He was discharged Dec. 8, 1919, from Camp Dix, N. J.

Mr. Voight is a member of the American Legion.

Alger Voight, who is connected with Voight Brothers Motor Company, is also a veteran of the World War. He was born at Lockport, May 2, 1892. After completing his schooling he learned the machinist's trade, which he followed until the organization of the Voight Brothers

Motor Company in 1916. Both he and his brother are able young business men and an asset to the community in which they live.

Mr. Voight was married on June 16, 1918, to Miss Luella Speicher, who was born at Plainfield, Ill., in September, 1892. They have two adopted children: James, born in April, 1919; and June, born in May, 1919.

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**William R. McCabe**, one of the leading members of the Will County bar, was born in Grundy County, Ill., Aug. 3, 1884.

Following his graduation from Morris (Ill.) High School, William R. McCabe attended St. Viator's College, Bourbonnais, Ill., and Kent College of Law. He was admitted to practice in the State of Illinois in 1916, and subsequently located in Joliet, where he has a well established practice. Mr. McCabe served as mayor of Lockport from 1922 until 1924. He was also a member of the General Assembly of Illinois from 1912 until 1922.

On Oct. 9, 1907, Mr. McCabe married Miss Ada M. Myers, of Lockport. They have five daughters.

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**Cassius A. Mills.**—Prominent among the successful business men of Joliet is Cassius A. Mills, who is general superintendent of the Garlach-Barklow Company. He was born at Elliott, Iowa, Sept. 1, 1886, the son of Edward Mills.

Edward Mills, deceased, was a prominent attorney of Montgomery County, Iowa. He was born at Dubuque, and was an early settler of Elliott, later removing to Red Oak, Iowa. For several years he served as prosecuting attorney of Montgomery County. He was a Republican, a member of the Christian Church, and belonged to the Knights of Pythias and Elks Lodge. Mr. Mills is buried at Red Oak. There were two sons born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mills: Cassius A., the subject of this sketch; and Charles Bennett, who lives at Dallas, Texas. He is a veteran of the World War, having served in France as a first lieutenant. After the close of the war he served with the U. S. Army in Siberia for 18 months.

Cassius A. Mills spent his boyhood at Red Oak, Iowa, and attended the schools of Montgomery County. He was employed by the Red Oak Express Company in his early youth, and later entered the printing establishment of Thomas D. Murphy, where he learned the printer's



trade. Mr. Mills has been a resident of Joliet since 1907, and was one of the founders of the Garlach-Barklow Company, of which he is now serving as general superintendent.

During the World War Mr. Mills enlisted for service from Joliet, on Aug. 1, 1918, and was sent to Camp Hancock, Ga., where he was assigned to the Twenty-first Company, Central Machine Gun Training School.

On May 17, 1922, Mr. Mills married Miss Thilda Erickson, of Joliet.

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William A. McRoberts, M. D., a representative member of the medical profession at Joliet, and one of the leading citizens of the place, was born at Troy, Grinters Mill, Will County, the son of John and Margaret (Hughes) McRoberts.

John McRoberts was born in Kacobrickshire, Scotland. He came to America when a young man and settled first in Chicago, Ill. In about 1860 he settled at Troy Grithers Mill. He was a veterinary surgeon and also a blacksmith. In 1865 he removed to Joliet where he followed his profession. His wife, Margaret (Hughes) McRoberts was born in Newton Stewart, Scotland. They were the parents of five children: James, a retired veterinarian, lives at Knox, Ind.; John, yard master at rolling mill, Joliet; Agnes, secretary of Joliet Dry Goods Company, lives at 202 Joliet Street; Susan, deceased; and William A., the subject of this sketch.

John McRoberts died March 28, 1878, and his wife is also deceased. They are both buried in Oakland Cemetery. Mr. McRoberts was active in the affairs of the Republican party and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

William A. McRoberts was graduated from the Joliet High School, after which he entered the Homeopathic Medical College, at Chicago, where he obtained his degree of Medical Doctor in 1902. He began his general medical practice at Joliet in that year. His offices are located in the Young Building.

At the time of the World War he enlisted in the Medical Corps, at Chicago, and was sent to Camp Sheldon, Hattiesburg, Miss., and was commissioned a first lieutenant. The Doctor was among the oldest men from Joliet to be accepted for service. He received his discharge in December, 1918, and returned to Joliet where he resumed his practice.

On June 22, 1911, Dr. McRoberts was married to Miss Delia Watkins, who was born in Joliet, July 2, 1883, a daughter of Robert F. and Emma

(Bogartis) Watkins. Robert F. Watkins, a native of Will County, born in 1856, has been an extensive farmer and stockman all his life. He is a Republican and has held many township offices. The family are members of the Baptist Church. His wife, also a native of Will County, was born in 1859. They now live retired in Joliet. They were the parents of the following children: Elizabeth, married David O. Barnard, lives at Hot Springs, Ark.; Mrs. McRoberts; Harvey, city supervisor, Joliet; William, farmer and stockman, Rockport Township; and Robert, Joliet. Doctor and Mrs. McRoberts have two adopted children: Helen Louise, and William James, both students.

Doctor McRoberts was Health Commissioner of the city of Joliet for several years, and was Township Health Commissioner for a period of eight years. He is a Republican, a member of the Masonic Lodge, and attends the Central Presbyterian Church.

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**Raymond Morris**, of the firm Morris Brothers, coal dealers, Joliet, is a native of this city. He was born Aug. 17, 1899, a son of James and Jennie (Owen) Morris.

James Morris was born in Goderich, Canada, and came to Illinois in early life, locating at Joliet. He has been an engineer in the employ of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railroad Company since the road was first opened. He is a Republican and a member of the Second Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Morris was born in Ottawa, Kans. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Morris: 1. Lee, city assessor of Joliet. He enlisted in World War from Will County, and was sent to Fort Camp Sheridan, for instruction in French 75 millimeter guns. He was overseas and served 18 months with the French army. He served during the entire war and was discharged at Fort Sheridan in 1920. 2. Samuel, deceased; 3. Harold, deputy assessor, Joliet, was also a veteran of the World War. After his enlistment he was sent to Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, and was assigned to the Second Regiment Motor Mechanics, and served 18 months in France. Was discharged from Camp Grant. 4. Raymond, the subject of this sketch; 5. James, a State employe, decides with his parents in Joliet. 6. Owen, a fireman on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad. 7. Jacob, died in infancy.

Raymond Morris attended the public schools of Joliet and was graduated from the high school in the class of 1921. This was followed by a four year college course at the University of Illinois, receiving his degree in 1925.

On May 23, 1918, Mr. Morris enlisted in the Navy and was assigned to duty on the troop transport Leviathan, and later was transferred to the 88th Marines. He was overseas a year and was discharged from the service at Pelham Bay, N. Y., as a first class Gunner's Mate.

Upon his return to private life, Mr. Morris was connected with the Joliet Motor Company for one and one-half years as a salesman. He then engaged in the coal business at 1810 Washington Street, Joliet, in company with his brother, under the firm name of Morris Brothers Coal Company. They have a well established business, employing 15 men and have five trucks in daily operation.

Mr. Morris is a Republican, a member of the Second Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is also a member of Delta Sigma Lambda, the Square and Compass, and Delta Kappa Delta.

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**Rev. Walter Henry Macpherson, L. H. D.**—One of the recognized leading men of Joliet is Reverend Walter Henry Macpherson, who is pastor of St. John's Universalist Church. He was born at Delaware, Ontario, Canada, Sept. 27, 1877, the son of William and Elizabeth (Heard) Macpherson.

William Macpherson, deceased, was a native of St. John's, New Foundland. He was a carriage manufacturer and spent the greater part of his life in Ontario, Canada. His wife, who is also deceased, was born at Lambeth, Ont.

Walter Henry Macpherson lived in Delaware, Ont., until he was 11 years of age. The rest of his youth was spent in Chicago, where he attended high school. He is also a graduate of the University of Chicago, and after completing his study in the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, in 1906, he was ordained to the Congregational ministry and served the People's Church, South Chicago, for one year. He then became assistant minister of St. Paul's Universalist Church until 1912, when he came to Joliet as minister of St. John's Universalist Church.

On June 26, 1906, Dr. Macpherson married Miss Cecelia Clifford, a native of Copenhagen, Denmark. At the time of her marriage she was a resident of Chicago. Their only child, Marion, born May 1, 1910, died Dec. 28, 1913.

Dr. Macpherson received the honorary degree, L. H. D., from Lombard College, in 1925, in recognition of his many years of active ser-

vice in all fields of human betterment. When he came to Joliet in 1912 he persuaded the people of the Universalist Church to foster a series of popular Sunday afternoon concerts, conducted by 12 members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. These concerts were continued every winter until the outbreak of the World War, and while they were given up then, it is generally conceded that the interest developed by these concerts made possible the present Joliet Symphony Orchestra. During the war Dr. Macpherson served under the War Department Commission on training camp activities, and was responsible for the welfare of whole divisions of men along the Mexican border. He has always been actively identified with all that pertains to the spirit of the community, lending his aid to all good causes and enlisting the active participation of the parish to which he ministers in all movements that serve the Church Universal.

Dr. Macpherson is affiliated with Matteson Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons.

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James Hansen, president of the Hansen-Petersen Company, Inc., general contractors, is a prominent business man of Joliet. He was born in Denmark, June 21, 1868, the son of P. C. and Nicholine (Rasmussen) Hansen.

P. C. Hansen, deceased, spent his entire life in Denmark and died at the age of 60 years. His widow, now 85 years of age, resides in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Hansen were the parents of the following children: Thorvald, deceased; Mrs. Petrille Agnaw, lives in Chicago; Mrs. Matilde Skow, lives in Chicago; Mrs. Laura Toomey, lives in Chicago; Otto, lives in Joliet; James, the subject of this sketch; Rasmus, lives in Denmark; Age, lives in Denmark; and Katrine, lives in Denmark.

James Hansen learned his trade as cabinet maker in his native land. During the World Fair in Chicago he came to this country and was engaged in construction work there as a carpenter. Later, he went to Lamont, Ill., where he remained a short time before locating in Joliet. Mr. Hansen has been successful in the general contracting business and in 1907 was active in the organization of the Hansen-Petersen Company. The business was incorporated in 1913. They are manufacturers of mill work and widely known as general building contractors.

In 1900 Mr. Hansen was united in marriage with Miss Minnie Petersen, a sister of George P. Petersen, and a resident of Lamont. They

have the following children: Gladys, a teacher in the schools of Lockport, Ill.; James Roger, attends the Girvin Institute of Musical Arts in Chicago, Ill.; and Ina, who died at the age of three years.

Politically, Mr. Hansen is a Republican. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Modern Woodmen of America, Danish Brotherhood of America, and Chamber of Commerce.

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**Niles Burke** is among the most progressive and successful business men of Joliet, where he is connected with the B. and M. Adv. Service, which is located at 631 Cass Avenue. He was born in Joliet, April 17, 1900, the son of B. E. and Mary (Kavanaugh) Burke.

B. E. Burke, well known merchant of this city is the son of Thomas Burke, who was one of the earliest settlers of Joliet. He was prominent in politics and took an active interest in the city's business and civic life. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Burke: Agnes, married Henry Jacobs, lives at San Diego, Calif.; Nellie, married Joseph Sullivan, lives in Joliet; John, lives in Joliet; Anna, married William Clyne, lives in Joliet; William, deceased; Sarah, who served as principal of Sheridan School, Joliet, for 20 years; Hattie, deceased; and B. E., father of the subject of this sketch.

B. E. Burke has spent his entire life in Joliet. Since 1900 he has been interested in the grocery and meat business and has a well established trade. His wife is also a native of Joliet. They are the parents of the following children: Bernice, married Dr. F. A. Wertz, lives in Chicago; Helen, married Leo Clennon, lives in Joliet; Niles, the subject of this sketch; Edwin, a member of the Joliet Fire Department, lives at home; Lorraine, who is connected with the athletic department of the Joliet public schools; Robert, who is a pitcher on the Washington baseball team, American League. He was born Feb. 18, 1907, and is a graduate of Joliet Township High School.

Mrs. Burke has the following brothers and sisters: Burt, with the E. J. E. Railroad, Joliet; Thomas, deceased; Laura, married Henry Squibbs, of Chicago; Agnes, deceased, was the wife of Richard McPartlin, of Chicago; Helen, with the Joliet National Bank; Margaret, also with the Joliet National Bank; and Lydia, at home.

Niles Burke attended the public and high schools of Joliet, after which he entered his father's store. In 1918 he took a course in an

art school in Chicago. In March, 1924, in partnership with John Marco he established the B. and M. Adv. Service. They specialize in sign work of all kinds and have a force of six men. They cover a territory of 60 miles around Joliet, and their highway and electrical display signs are numerous throughout the city and county.

Mr. Burke is a Democrat in politics. He belongs to the Elks Lodge, Chamber of Commerce, and Painters and Decorators Union, Local 33, of Joliet.

Mr. Burke, who is unmarried, resides with his parents at 425 West Marion Street. The family are members of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, and are well known and highly respected in their community.

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**Frank Schmidt.**—An experienced man in his particular line of business, Frank Schmidt, of the Joliet Floral Company, is well known in this city, where he was born April 11, 1885. He is the son of Frank and Augusta (Dillner) Schmidt.

Frank Schmidt, deceased, was born in Germany. He was among the early settlers of Joliet, where he followed his trade as a stonemason for many years. He died in 1919 and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery. His widow, also a native of Germany, resides at 11 South Prairie Street, Joliet. To Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt the following children were born: Emma, married Charles Darrah, deceased, and she resides in Joliet; Paul, a farmer, lives at Thorpe, Wis.; Freda, married John Bock, lives in Joliet; Lena, married John Salle, deceased, and she resides in Joliet; Frank, the subject of this sketch; Fred, mention of whom is made below; Louise, married Clifford McMillen, druggist, lives at Bird City, Kan.; Margaret, married William Peterson, lives at Lockport, Ill.; and Hertha, lives at home.

Frank Schmidt has spent his entire life in Joliet. He was educated in the public schools and at an early age became interested in the floral business, in 1915 having established the Joliet Floral Company in partnership with his brother, Fred Schmidt. The company's greenhouses are located on Reed Street, and their retail store is at 507 East Jefferson Street. They have a large wholesale and retail trade in cut flowers and have three and one-half acres under glass.

Mr. Schmidt was married to Miss Mildred Patterson, who was born at Braidwood, Ill., June 13, 1898. They have a son, Frank, Jr., born June 18, 1924.

**Fred Schmidt**, who is associated with his brother Frank Schmidt, in the Joliet Floral Company, is a veteran of the World War. He enlisted for service from Joliet and was sent to Camp Grant Ill., in June, 1917. He served overseas until April, 1919, at which time he was discharged. He married Miss Florence Kuhn, and they have three children: Fred, Jr., William, and Minnie.

Mr. Schmidt is a member of the Baptist Church and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge.

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**Paul A. Briese** is among the enterprising young men of Joliet, where he is connected with the firm of Larson & Goranson, greenhouse owners and florists. He was born in this city, Sept. 8, 1896, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Briese.

Paul Briese was educated in the public schools of Joliet and since 1914 has been active in the business interests of Larson & Goranson, of which he became sole owner in 1923. The company has a large wholesale and retail trade in cut flowers and plants and is located at 1600 Wilcox Street.

On Sept. 8, 1917, Mr. Briese was united in marriage with Miss Frieda Nelson, of Joliet. They have five children: Harold, Clayton, Donald, Paul, Jr., and Eileen.

Mr. Briese and his family are members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church. In politics he is a Republican.

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**Anton Golobrig**, well known mayor of Rockdale, is a veteran of the World War and one of the highly esteemed young men of Will County. He was born in Austria, in July, 1893, the son of Joseph and Agnes (Golobic) Golobrig.

Joseph Golobrig, who died in 1895, spent his life in Austria. His widow came to the United States shortly after the death of her husband and settled at Joliet, where she now resides. She brought her only child with her to America. He is Anton, the subject of this sketch.

The boyhood of Anton Golobrig was spent in Joliet and he attended the public schools. He entered the employ of the Rockdale Wire Manufacturing Company and after five years went to Montana, where he spent ten years as a ranch worker. Upon his return to Joliet and Rock-

dale he became interested in the garage business at 634 Cass Street, Joliet. He is an expert mechanic and has an up-to-date garage.

Mr. Golobrig was elected mayor of Rockdale in 1925 and is now serving his second term in office. He is a staunch Republican.

During the World War Mr. Golobrig was inducted into service and sent to Camp Dodge. He was later transferred to Camp Logan, at Houston, Texas, where he was assigned to the 132nd Infantry, 33rd Division. He was discharged in November, 1918.

During his administration as mayor of Rockdale many important improvements have been made in the town; such as paving, sewers, and water extensions. Total expenditures have amounted to \$170,000.00.

Mr. Golobrig holds membership in the Catholic Church.

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**Lloyd W. Cameron.**—Highly successful among the younger business men of Joliet may be mentioned Mr. Cameron, who is manager in this district for the Standard Oil Company. He was born at Park River, N. D., Nov. 11, 1893, the son of S. A. and Emma (Widdes) Cameron.

S. A. Cameron, who lives retired at Park River, N. D., is a native of Canada. In early life he came to the United States and settled in North Dakota, where he followed his trade as a blacksmith. His wife, also born in Canada, died in 1921 at the age of 65 years. To Mr. and Mrs. Cameron the following children were born: Mabel, married W. A. Young, lives at Park River, N. D.; Ethel, married Frank A. Cameron, lives at Grand Forks, N. D.; Edna, married Howard Newman, lives at Dickinson, N. D.; Lloyd W., the subject of this sketch; and Loreen, lives in California.

Lloyd W. Cameron spent his boyhood at Park River, N. D., and received his education in the public schools. He became affiliated with the Standard Oil Company early in his business career as a salesman at Park River and was later transferred to St. Louis, Mo., as assistant manager. From there he went to St. Joseph, Mo., for the company as manager and in 1924 he came to Joliet as manager of this district, which includes the northern part of Illinois.

On June 30, 1914, Mr. Cameron married Miss Lois Van Slyke, of Minneapolis, Minn. They have a son, Stephen, born June 12, 1915.

Politically, Mr. Cameron is a Republican. He is a member of the Episcopal church and belongs to the Joliet Country Club and Chamber of Commerce.



**Paul V. Hoover. D. D. S.**, a representative member of the dental profession in Will County and one of the leading citizens of Joliet, was born at Tampico, Ill., July 16, 1879, a son of H. A. and Anna (Whistler) Hoover.

H. A. Hoover, a retired minister of the Baptist Church, is a resident of Ashley, Ill., where he has engaged in the lumber business for 15 years. He was born in Pennsylvania, and in early life settled in Illinois. He is a graduate of the University of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Hoover have four children: Paul V., the subject of this sketch; Harold Mark, M. D., lives in Chicago; Helen Rebecca, married Mr. von Schradel, lives at Brownsville, Ill.; and Dorothy Ann, at home.

Paul V. Hoover received his early education in the public schools of Ashley, Ill., and is a graduate of Shurtleff College, at Alton, Ill. He began the study of medicine at Washington University, St. Louis, but two years later took up the study of dentistry, receiving his degree from Washington University in 1924. The following year he established his present practice in Joliet. Besides his extensive private practice, Dr. Hoover is serving as dentist for the Illinois State Penitentiary.

Dr. Hoover is a Republican, a member of the Baptist Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge, Modern Woodmen of America, and Chamber of Commerce.

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**Oscar C. Kaiser.**—One of the recognized leading men of Joliet is Oscar C. Kaiser, who is president of Kaiser-Ducett, Inc., building contractors. He was born at Ivanhoe, Ill., Jan. 21, 1887. When he was six years old his parents removed to Libertyville, Ill., where he attended the public schools. He was graduated from the University of Illinois as a civil engineer in 1908, and immediately engaged in the contracting business with the Noel Construction Company of Baltimore. He later went to Chicago, where he followed the same profession for five years, specializing in government work. He was later appointed heating engineer for the State of Illinois, and in 1921 came to Joliet, where he became interested in the contracting business with Mr. Ducett. The company was engaged on the work of erecting the new penitentiary in this city. In 1923 the business was incorporated with a capital stock of \$10,000. The officers are: Oscar C. Kaiser, president; Mr. Ducett, vice president, and N. A. McDonald, secretary and treasurer. The business has devel-

oped into one of the leading contracting firms of Will County, the annual business amounting to several million dollars. Among their contracts may be mentioned the following: Louis Joliet Hotel, \$600,000; Elks Club, \$400,000; Will County National Bank, \$500,000; Rialto Theatre, \$1,500,000; the First Baptist Church, \$300,000; and the H. and S. Garage. The firm also erected the LaSalle High School, in Joliet, at a cost of \$350,000. A theatre costing approximately a million dollars is now being built by this firm at Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. Kaiser married Miss Minnie Meyers, of Des Moines, Iowa. They have two children: Charles Oscar, and Dorothy Jean.

Mr. Kaiser is a member of the First Presbyterian Church and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, Union League Club of Chicago, and Chamber of Commerce.

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**Josiah Treharne.**—Numbered among the prominent and highly successful business men of Joliet is Josiah Treharne, who is identified with the Treharne Dry Cleaning & Dyeing Company. He was born at Braidwood, in Will County, Oct. 18, 1885, the son of David and Avis (Rogers) Treharne.

David Treharne, one of the well known pioneer business men of Joliet, is a native of Wales. He came to this country in 1880 and settled at Braidwood, where he engaged in the merchant tailoring business. He is still active in this work and is connected with his son's business in Joliet. His wife was born in New Jersey, Oct. 1, 1865. To Mr. and Mrs. Treharne the following children were born: William J., lives at Hardy, Ill.; Josiah, the subject of this sketch; David, lives at Joliet; Ellen, married Ernest Lockport, lives in Canada; Harvey, lives in Joliet; Margaret, married Lester Lauer, lives in Pittsburgh, Pa.; Reece, lives in Joliet; and Avis, at home.

Josiah Treharne was seven years old when his family moved to Coal City, Ill. He was educated in the public schools there, and in 1904 came to Joliet, where he spent six years in the employ of the Illinois Steel Company. He was then associated with the tailoring business of W. T. Richard, and in February, 1912, became interested in the dry cleaning and dyeing business. He has been in his present location, 621 East Jefferson Avenue, since 1922. The company operates three trucks and carries on a large volume of business in Joliet and the surrounding territory. Mr. Treharne is a member of the National Cleaners & Dyers

Association, and also belongs to the Illinois Cleaners & Dyers Association. He is treasurer of the West Suburban Cleaners & Dyers Association.

Mr. Treharne was married Sept. 3, 1913, to Miss Ivy Lillian Smith, of Joliet, the daughter of James and Catherine Smith. Mr. Smith, a prominent building contractor of Joliet, died Nov. 16, 1927. His wife died Dec. 25, 1920. Mr. and Mrs. Treharne have no children.

Mr. Treharne is a member of the Ottawa Street Methodist Church, and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, Elks Lodge, Isaac Walton League of America, and Chamber of Commerce. He is a Republican.

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**Stephen J. Williams, Jr.**, of DuPage Township, is prominent among the successful farmers and stockmen of Will County. He was born on the farm where he now resides, Feb. 28, 1891, the son of Stephen J. and Catherine (Burns) Williams.

Thomas Williams was born in County Cornwall, England, Jan. 18, 1807 and emigrated to America in March, 1825. He settled in Schuylkill County, Pa., where he engaged in mining and shipping coal to Philadelphia. He became a railroad contractor and built a portion of the old Portage Railroad across the Allegheny mountains from Hollidaysburg to Johnstown. He came to Illinois in 1834 and settled in Chicago. In June, 1876, he contracted to build four sections of the Illinois and Michigan Canal in partnership with Charles E. Boyer. In 1848 he built 12 miles of the Chicago & Galen Railroad between Chicago and Elgin, and two years later went to California, where he was in charge of building the levee at Sacramento. In 1854 he returned to Chicago to accept a contract to deepen the Illinois and Michigan Canal, which required three years of work. Mr. Williams located on the present homestead in DuPage County in 1846. He was married in 1832 to Susan Horner, a native of Pennsylvania. Their son, Stephen J., is the father of the subject of this sketch.

Stephen J. Williams, Sr., was born on the Williams farm in a log cabin, Sept. 22, 1844. Until his retirement in 1917 he ranked among the leading stockmen of Will County, and was successful as a breeder of fine horses and pure bred cattle. This well improved farm of 645 acres is located in Sections 33-34, DuPage Township. Mr. Williams was married first to Miss Mary Burns, who is deceased. To this union were born three children, Maud, the widow of Isaac Sims, lives at

Joliet; Thomas, died at the age of 35 years; and James, a farmer, lives in Lockport Township. Mr. Williams later married Miss Catherine Burns, a sister of his first wife. She was born at Gardner, Ill., in 1854. Mr. and Mrs. Williams were the parents of three children: Mary, deceased, was the wife of John D. Lynch, of Chicago; Jeanette, married Arthur A. Douglas, lives at Joliet; and Stephen J., Jr., the subject of this sketch. Mr. Williams has always been a Democrat and for 21 years served as supervisor of DuPage Township.

Stephen J. Williams, Jr., was educated in the district schools of DuPage Township and has always lived on this farm. He is among the up-to-date agriculturists of the county and has over \$10,000 worth of the latest type farm machinery.

On Sept. 7, 1917, Mr. Williams was united in marriage with Miss Menette Hettman, of Des Moines, Iowa, the daughter of Elmer E. and Selma (Frederick) Hettman, residents of Chillicothe, Ill.

Mr. Williams is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and is affiliated with A. F. and A. M. No. 538, Lockport. He has been an active member of the Will County Farm Bureau since the time of its organization.

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**Robert H. Wraith.**—One of the most popular young men of Joliet is Mr. Wraith, who is connected with the Hub Recreation Company. He is associated in this business with Arthur M. Sherwood. Mr. Wraith was born at Plainfield, in Will County, Feb. 19, 1897, the son of George H. and Lulu (Hartley) Wraith.

George H. Wraith, deceased, was a native of Will County and a member of one of the oldest and best known families in this section. He was a merchant at Plainfield early in life and later lived in Joliet, where he was a salesman for the American Ice Cream & Baking Company. He died in 1926 and is buried at Plainfield. His widow resides in Joliet, where she was born. To Mr. and Mrs. Wraith were born two children: Mrs. Helen Swansbro, lives in Joliet; and Robert H., the subject of this sketch.

Robert H. Wraith grew up in Chicago and received his education in the public schools there and in Joliet, his family having moved here when he was quite young. He was graduated from Joliet Township High School in 1916 and was in the employ of the American Steel & Wire Company when he enlisted for service in the World War. He served with the rank of lieutenant in the quartermaster corps and was dis-

charged in March, 1919. Upon his return to Joliet Mr. Wraith was employed by the American Refractories Company at Rockdale. In 1920 he went with the Buchanan and Dailey Lumber Company but the following year Mr. Wraith became associated in business with his father-in-law, Arthur M. Sherwood. They operate ten bowling alleys, twelve billiard tables, and nine pool tables, and also are dealers in cigars, cigarettes, candy, etc. A lunch room is operated in connection with the business, which is located at 212 North Chicago Street.

On June 19, 1920, Mr. Wraith was married to Miss Vernetta Sherwood, of Joliet, the daughter of Arthur M. Sherwood. They have a daughter, Betty Jane.

Mr. Wraith is a member of the Ottawa Street Methodist Church, and belongs to the Elks Lodge, Modern Woodmen of America, Rivals Club, and American Legion. He is a Republican and is well known in Joliet.

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**Elmer F. Duensing**, one of the enterprising young business men of Crete, is a veteran of the World war. He was born in Chicago, June 13, 1894, the son of George and Bertha (Reckow) Duensing.

George Duensing was born near Madison, Ill., in 1868. He engaged in business in Chicago for many years and later was located at Crete, where he died in 1924. His widow, a native of Germany, lives at Crete. To Mr. and Mrs. Duensing were born the following children: Elmer F., the subject of this sketch; Albert, lives at Crete; Hilda, married Thomas Shaw, lives in Chicago Heights, Ill.; Ida, married Craig Brawner, lives at Troy, N. Y.; Florence, married Fred Divert, lives at Harvey, Ill.; Fred, lives at Crete; George, Ruth, Edna, and Arnold, all students.

Elmer F. Duensing attended the public schools of Crete and Chicago Heights. He clerked in a grocery store in Chicago for some time and then spent seven years in the employ of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad as a car inspector. He came to Crete to engage in business in 1922, and at that time purchased the confectionery business of George Krieg. It is located on the Dixie Highway and has a large patronage.

On Nov. 29, 1919, Mr. Duensing was married to Miss Anna Diersen, of Crete, the daughter of John and Sophia Diersen. Before his retirement Mr. Diersen was well known as a hardware dealer at Crete, where he settled many years ago. Both he and his wife are natives of Crete

Township and are highly esteemed citizens of this community. To Mr. and Mrs. Duensing have been born two daughters: Dorothy, born Nov. 20, 1920; and Shirley, born Aug. 5, 1925. She died Nov. 20, 1925, and is buried in Trinity Cemetery, Crete.

Mr. Duensing served during the World war and was located at Camp Grant, Ill.

Politically, Mr. Duensing is a Republican. He is a member of the Trinity German Lutheran Church, and belongs to the American Legion, Post No. 131, Chicago Heights, and Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Duensing is greatly interested in music and for a number of years has been identified with the Crete Band.

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**John C. Werner**, capable cashier of the First State Bank of Beecher, is a member of one of the most prominent and highly esteemed families of Will County. He was born in Crete Township, Oct. 9, 1885, the son of William and Mary (Plage) Werner.

William Werner, organizer and president of the First State Bank of Beecher, of which he has been at the head from the time of its inception in November, 1916, was born at Green Ridge, Md., Oct. 16, 1855, the son of John and Mary (Schade) Werner. He was reared in Virginia and came to Illinois with his parents in May, 1865. After completing his education he engaged in farm work, but at the age of 18 years turned his attention to the grain business in Beecher. In this he has remained active to the present time and for the past 34 years he has owned and operated an elevator at Beecher. In 1926 Mr. Werner became interested in the lumber business at Joliet. He is the owner of large tracts of land in Will County as well as in Minnesota and South Dakota. To Mr. and Mrs. William Werner were born four children: John C., the subject of this sketch; Walter A., lives at Beecher; Antoinette, unmarried, lives at Beecher; and Dr. E. A., who is attached to the Medical Corps of the United States Army.

John C. Werner attended Joliet Township High School and was connected with the Board of Trade, Chicago, until the organization of the First State Bank of Beecher in 1916. He has since served as cashier.

Mr. Werner was married on Dec. 31, 1921, to Miss Marie Deeke, of Beecher. She was identified with the First National Bank of Beecher for ten years as a bookkeeper and for the past 12 years has served as

assistant cashier of the First State Bank of Beecher. She is the daughter of Henry and Amelia (Boecker) Deeke, of Beecher.

Mr. Werner is affiliated with F. & A. M. No. 1087, Beecher, and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, and Lincolnshire Country Club of Crete. He has always taken an active interest in the affairs of the community and is an excellent citizen.

The First State Bank of Beecher was organized in 1916 with a capital stock of \$25,000. It has a surplus of \$15,000 and a reserve fund amounting to \$12,500. The officers are: William Werner, president; William Plagge, vice president; John C. Werner, cashier; Mrs. John C. Werner, assistant cashier. It is numbered among the substantial and dependable banking institutions of Will County.

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**William Holl**, one of the enterprising and successful farmers of Monee Township, is a member of one of the oldest and best known families of Will County. He was born in Monee Township, Jan. 28, 1884, the son of Fred and Diana (Kuester) Holl.

Fred Holl, retired, is a highly esteemed resident of Will County, where he has spent his entire life. He is the son of Andrew Holl, who settled in Monee Township about 1842. He also became the owner of large tracts of land in Green Garden Township. Fred Holl has ranked among the progressive stockmen of Monee Township for many years. He retired in 1911. His wife is also a member of an early family of this section of Will County. She is a native of Green Garden Township. To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holl were born four sons: Fred, lives at Monee; William, the subject of this sketch; George C., lives at Monee; and Christ, lives at Monee.

William Holl was educated in District School No. 18 and remained on his father's farm until the latter's retirement, when he purchased it. He operates 160 acres and is successful as a dairy farmer and feeder of stock.

On Feb. 19, 1911, Mr. Holl was united in marriage with Miss Emma Bartels, of Richton, Cook County, Ill. They have four children: Richard, Mildred, Allen, and Virgil.

Mr. Holl is a Republican in politics. He holds membership in St. Paul's Evangelical Church, and belongs to the Will County Farm Bureau. He is also serving as school director of Monee Township and is a well known resident of the community in which he lives. He is connected with the Monee State Bank as a stockholder.

**Harry D. Weinberger.**—Popular among the successful young business men of Joliet may be mentioned Mr. Weinberger, who is manager of the Consumers Sanitary Coffee & Butter Stores, Inc. He was born in Chicago, Jan. 26, 1898, and was two years old when his family removed to St. Louis, Mo. In 1910 they returned to Chicago but soon after went to Barstow, Texas, where Harry D. Weinberger completed his schooling. The family again located in Chicago after several years, but Mr. Weinberger went to Wisconsin, where he followed farming for seven years. He also was a rural mail carrier at Exeland, Wis.

Mr. Weinberger has been connected with the Consumers Sanitary Coffee & Butter Stores, Inc., of Chicago for the past five years and came to Joliet from Chicago for the company in 1925 as manager of the local store.

On May 4, 1921, Mr. Weinberger was united in marriage with Miss Lucy Shinn, of Exeland, Wis. They have four children: Helen, Lillian, Harry D., Jr., and Betty.

Politically, Mr. Weinberger is identified with the Republican party. He is affiliated with the Masonic lodge and also belongs to the Knights of Pythias.

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**W. G. Ward**, one of Joliet's most progressive business men, is a native of Will County. He was born in this city, Oct. 6, 1888, the son of William D. and Mary (McCarthy) Ward.

William D. Ward, deceased, was a well known farmer of Lockport Township, Will County. He was born there and spent his life in that section. He was killed in a runaway accident when only 38 years of age. His widow later married George L. Burd, and they live at Elmhurst, South Chicago. To William D. and Mary (McCarthy) Ward were born eight children, of whom W. G., the subject of this sketch, was the second in order of birth.

W. G. Ward grew up in Joliet and received his education in the district schools. He also attended Joliet Township High School and at an early age learned the machinist's trade. He was employed by the Bates Machine Company for four years and later went with the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railroad for two years. His next position was with the Star-Peerless Wall Paper Company and after seven years in their employ he went with the Joliet Wall Paper Company as master mechanic. He also was employed by the Superior Wall Paper Company and in 1918



came with the Lennon Wall Paper Company. He is now superintendent of the business and a stockholder.

On Nov. 4, 1907, Mr. Ward was united in marriage with Miss Cecile Thompson, the daughter of Samuel and Regina Thompson. They have had two sons: Wilfred, who died in infancy; and William S., born in 1910.

Mr. Ward is a Republican, a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, 3rd degree, and Chamber of Commerce.

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**Otto Hansen**, building contractor, is a progressive business man of Joliet. He was born in Denmark, April 9, 1881, the son of Peter Christian and Nicolina (Rasmussen) Hansen.

Peter Christian Hansen spent his entire life in Denmark and is now deceased. He was a farmer and also engaged in the dairy business. His widow, now 84 years of age, lives in Chicago. To Mr. and Mrs. Hansen the following children were born: James, connected with the Hansen-Petersen Company, Joliet; Mrs. Petrilla Agneuw, lives in Chicago; Mrs. Matilda Scov, lives in Chicago; Mrs. Laura Toomey, lives in Chicago; Otto, the subject of this sketch; Rasmus, Aage, and Catherine, all live in Denmark; and Thorwald, died at Joliet in 1920.

Otto Hansen spent his boyhood in Denmark, where he was educated. He later spent three years in Germany but returned to his native land. However, in 1906 he came to the United States and settled in Joliet where he became interested in the building business. Since January, 1928, he has been associated with his brother, James, and the business is known as the Hansen-Petersen Company. They specialize in the building of homes.

On June 10, 1905, Mr. Hansen married Miss Meta Markusen, who was born at Esbjerg, Denmark. They have two children: Mabel Sylvia was graduated from the University of Illinois in 1928; and Christian Otto, a graduate of Joliet Township High School, employed by Swift & Company, Joliet.

Mr. Hansen is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose and Eagles Lodge.

Mrs. Hansen is the owner of "Meta's Pantry," one of the popular bakeries and delicatessens of Joliet.

**Edmund P. Darby**, of Crete, is well known among the successful automobile men of Will County. He was born in Ireland, June 16, 1889.

Mr. Darby spent his boyhood in his native land and at an early age became interested in the study of electrical engineering. He came to America in 1906 and settled at Quebec, Canada. He later spent two years in Toronto and in 1914 located in Chicago, where he remained until March, 1926. He has since been proprietor of the Star Garage at Crete. He specializes in starting, lighting, and ignition work, and is an expert in his particular line. He also carries a complete line of automobile accessories and conducts a service station in connection with his business.

In 1913 Mr. Darby was married to Miss Elizabeth Ryan, of Chicago. They have two children: Alice, born Dec. 25, 1914; and James, born Jan. 15, 1919.

Mr. Darby is a Republican, a member of the Catholic Church, and belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose, Chamber of Commerce, and Lincolnshire Country Club.

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**Edwin W. Bertrand**, general contractor, is among the well known business men and substantial citizens of Joliet. He was born at St. Anne, Ill., Nov. 6, 1875, the son of Michael and Florence (Arpin) Bertrand.

Both Michael Bertrand and his wife were natives of Montreal, Canada. About 1850 they came to the United States and settled in Kankakee County, Ill. Mr. Bertrand was a blacksmith and spent practically his entire life at St. Anne. He died in 1900 at the age of 87 years. His wife died in 1908, at the age of 77 years. They had four children: Delphos A., lives at Glendale, Calif.; Arthemise, died at the age of 23 years; Edwin W., the subject of this sketch; and Mrs. Agnes Middleton, lives at Indianapolis, Ind.

At an early age Edwin W. Bertrand engaged in farming. He was educated in the district schools and in 1900 learned the carpenter trade. He has been a resident of Joliet since 1916 and has engaged in the general contracting business in this city for the past ten years. His business is located at 103 Third Avenue.

On Nov. 10, 1904, Mr. Bertrand married Miss Sarah J. Danford, of Shelbyville, Ill., the daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Brant) Danford. Mr. Danford lives at Reddick, Ill. His wife died March 28, 1924. Mr. and Mrs. Bertrand have two children: Elzie W., married Miss Adeline

Webber, of Joliet, and they have a daughter, Jane Louise; and Edwin W., Jr. Both sons are associated in business with their father.

Mr. Bertrand and his family hold membership in the Methodist Church, and he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has always been a Republican.

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**George Ball** is an energetic and widely known business man of Joliet, where he is connected with the Unit Service Station System as president. He was born in England, April 27, 1881, and the year following his birth his family came to the United States and settled at Marshalltown, Iowa. Mr. Ball was educated there and for a number of years was employed in his father's general store. Later he went to Chicago, where he spent 12 years. He was interested in the theatrical business for a time and later went with the Standard Oil Company. He served as district superintendent for the company.

In December, 1924, Mr. Ball came to Joliet, where he assumed his present connections with the Unit Service Station System. The business was incorporated during that year with Mr. Ball as president and Daniel M. Otis as secretary and treasurer. They operate six service stations in Joliet and Plainfield.

In January, 1910, Mr. Ball was united in marriage with Miss Myra Gertrude Noble, and they have four children; Myra and Catherine, twins; Robert J.; and Harriet Jean.

Mr. Ball is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is active in the affairs of the community in which he lives. He has no club affiliations.

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**Arthur J. Haldemann**, enterprising and well known dairy farmer of Manhattan Township, was born in Joliet, Aug. 31, 1899, the son of John and Louise (Garber) Haldemann.

John Haldemann was born in Switzerland and was 19 years of age when he came to the United States and settled in Will County. He became one of the prosperous dairy farmers of Joliet Township. Since 1925 he has lived retired on his farm. His wife, also born in Switzerland, came to this country with her parents early in life and settled in Nebraska. Later her family removed to Indiana. To Mr. and Mrs. Haldemann were born five children: Lina, married Alvin Knapp, lives

at Joliet; Hulda, married Roland Welsch, lives in Joliet Township; Arthur J., the subject of this sketch; Laura, married Thomas Redman, lives at Morris, Ill.; and Selma, lives at home. She is a graduate of Joliet Township High School and completed a course in music in 1928.

Alfred J. Haldemann was educated in the public schools of Joliet and remained on his father's farm in Joliet Township until 1924, at which time he purchased his present farm of 187 acres in Manhattan Township. He is interested in the wholesale dairy business and owns a herd of 42 pure bred Holstein and Swiss cattle. His well equipped dairy barn, 36x150 feet, is a model one in modern dairy methods.

Mr. Haldemann is a Republican and a member of the First German Lutheran Church of Joliet. He belongs to the Will County Farm Bureau, and is a member of the Milk Dealers Association of Will County, of which his father was founder and first president.

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**John Leppert**, enterprising farmer and stockman of Wheatland Township, was born on the farm where he lives, Aug. 4, 1866, the son of John and Elizabeth (Luther) Leppert.

John Leppert, deceased, was a native of Germany. He came to this country when he was 19 years old and settled on the present Leppert homestead in Wheatland Township. He was the owner of 240 acres and was a successful stockman. He died in 1913 at the age of 67 years and is buried in the Lutheran Church Cemetery in Wheatland Township.

John Leppert, the subject of this sketch, has always lived on the same farm in Wheatland Township. He was educated in the district schools and besides his farming interests he also is a plumber by trade. He now has the greater part of his farm of 80 acres rented to tenants.

On Oct. 5, 1895, Mr. Leppert was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Steifbolt, who was born in DuPage Township, Will County. They have the following children: William, lives at Galesburg, Ill., is a fireman on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, married Miss Frances Pine; Henry, road commissioner of Wheatland Township, lives at home; James, lives at home; Vera, a nurse, Aurora (Ill.) Hospital; and Margaret, lives at home.

Mr. Leppert is a Republican in politics. He and his family are widely known in the community where they have spent so many years.



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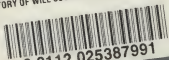


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